

Japan firm on Midway returning

TOKYO, May 28 (AP) - Japan will not shuffle naval priorities to postpone the aircraft carrier Midway 's return to its bome port of Yokosuka, despite requests by the city mayor and opposition parties, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda may meet Friday with Mayor Kazuo Yokoyama to seek his "understanding and cooperation" of the government's decision, Japan's Kyodo News Service reported.

Yokosuka city officials asked the Japanese government Thursday to block the ship from returning until a controversy over reports that American sbips carry nuclear weapons into Japanese ports dies down.

The Midway was scheduled to return to Yokosuka, 35 miles (56 kms) south of Tokyo, about Jupe 5 after a 2 1/2-mooth cruise. However, members of Japanese opposition parties and former U.S. officials bave raised a storm bere with allegations U.S. warships regularly bring nuclear weapons into Japanese ports - a violation of this country's total ban on the introduction of such weapoos into Јарал.

Yokosuka Assistant Mayor Icn Sugiyama met with Deputy Cabinet Ftary T. Kawara Thursday, but there was no immediate word on the outcome of those talks.

Senior Foreign Ministry Official Minoru Tanba said he "would listen attentively" to Sugiyama, but that "we are not considering asking U.S. navy authorities at this time to postpone" the ship's return. A U.S. navy spokeswoman, Lt.-Ruth Noonan, said the navy had not heard directly from the mayor. She said: "There is no alternative" to the Midway 's docking at Yokosuka, home of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Suzuki hastens to tame dealers By a Staff Writer

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JEDDAH, May 28 - Suzuki Motor Co. Japan bas begun a campaign to bring distributors of its product in line with the company's commitment to respect friendly



YOUTH PROTEST: Four college students staged a bunger strike at Waseda University campus in Tokyo Wednesday to protest visits to Japan by U.S. warships carrying nuclear weapons in violation of Japan's policy.

Forlani's party suffers another setback

ROME, May 28 (AFP) - Italy's ruling Christian Democratic Party, already reeling under the "propaganda two" Masonic Lodge scandal, suffered a new blow Thursday.

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Former Party Secretary general and Senate President (speaker) Amintore Fanfaoi revealed that the Christian Democrats had received a loan of 2,000 million liza \$ 2 million from crooked financier Michele Sindona. Sindona, serving 25 years in an American jail, also paid 15 million lira \$15,000 a month without security into two Lichtensteinregistered companies managed by former party Administrative Secretary Filippo Micheli.

Fanfani, giving evidence to the commission invesogating Sindona's activides in Italy, admitted that on two occasions at the banker's request he bad asked the then treasury secretary La Malfa to obtain more capital for Sindona's obscure company, which he used to meet the deficits created by bis fraudulent banking activities. La Malfa refused to act but later Fanfani ioterveoed again to obtain the appointment of a protege of Sindona as an administrator in the Banco di Roma. Pressure was also brought in the Christian Democrat Party and also outside ' in Catholic circles, " Fanfani said without being specific.

Meanwhile, President Sandro Pertini Thursday asked caretaker Premier Arnaldo Forlani, a Chrisdan Demoral, to succeed himself by forming Italy's 41st postwar govemment

Fortani's four-party center-left coalition collapsed Tuesday over a Masonic Lodge scandal which broke open last week after the government published a list of 953 highpowered men allegedly belonging to the secret group called Propaganda two or P-2.



BELFAST, May 28 (Agencies: - Two meo were shot dead and a third seriously wounded in an exchange of gunfire with an undercover British army soldier in Londonderry Thursday afternoon, police and Brinsh army spokesmen said.

The shootout occurred as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, arriving unannounced in the troubled province said she will not "legiumize" the cause of the Irish Republican Army by giving in to demands from IRA hunger strikers for political status.

Mrs. Thatcher's plane touched down outside Belfast and her spokesman would not reveal details of her itinerary.

There were shouts of "Murderer" from some girls in the crowd and armed plain clothes policemen had trouble getting Mrs. Thatcher through the crush of thousands of shoppers, Northern Ireland's two-thirds Protestant majority backs Mrs. Thatcher's stand against the hunger strikers, who helong tu the mostly Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army and Irish National Liberadon Army which are fighong to end Briosh rule in the province.

A half-mile from the well-guarded City Center posters depicting Mrs. Thatcher as 'Wanted for murder' were pasted on walls and windows in the rubhle-strewn Catholic Falls Road area, hotbed of support for the IRA.

Accompanied by Northern Ireland secret-

Fraser aide quits as premier

CANBERRA, May 28 (AFP) -Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's Liberal Party, rocked by the resignation of Industry Minister Andrew Fraser last month, faced a new crisis of confidence Thursday with the second resignation in twu days of a major state leader.

Victoria State Premier Dick Hamer announced his decision, "in the interests of party unity and party of a state, the day after New South Wales Liberal opposition leader John Mason quit after simi-

lar troubles. Hamer returned Thursday from a U.S. trip to make his announcement, after one of his own state junior nisters, Brian Smith, resigned saying Victuria Liberals were living in ear of Hamer leading them into the next

Hamer said he had intended to quit in

August, but after Smith's action and some

election.

ary. Humphrey Atkins, she had a brief meeting with the Lord Mayor and then took to the streets. She met community leaders Thursday afternoon as well as army and pulice chiefs. At one store, she ordered a set of towels,

some local Tyrone county crystal glass, and an ornament which she wanted wrapped as a birthday present. A group of civil servants. among 530,000 in the country locked io a pay dispute with the government, held up protest placards.

Mrs. Thatcher's visit came within hours of the latest violent death here. An off-duty policeman was shut dead Wednesday night as he got into his car in the border town of Whitecross, along the border with the Irish Republic. The militant provisional wing of the IRA claimed responsibility for the attack. Police named the constable as 47-year-old Mervyn Rubinson a tather of three from Belleeks, near Newry,

Addressing leading local tigures at Sturmont Castle, headquarters of the govern-ment's Northern Ireland Office, Mr. Thateber said: "Faced with the failure of their discredited cause, the men of violence have chosen in recent months to play what may well be their last card. They have turned their violence against themselves through the prison hunger strike to the death."

Four IRA members in the Maze prison near Belfast have died recently as a result of hunger strikes,

calls for his resignation had decided to bring the date forward to next week. Victoria State government members will meet next week to choose a new leader, while in New South Wales Liberal opposition leader Mason is expected to be succeeded by his deputy, Bruce McDonald, Both Hamer and Mason

are to resign completely from poliocs. The latest troubles of the Liberal Party, senior parines in Frace's condition Federal government here, hegan last month when ex-Industry Minister Andrew Peacock quit with a strong personal attack on Fraser. Peacock, a former foreign minister, accused Fraser of gross disloyalty and maniac dctermination to get his own way. He was the 10th minister to resign, or be dismissed or not rc-appointed, in the Fraser government. Fraser, since then under constant pressure, has been criticized by members of his government three times this week.

the Thai Overseas Employment and Regist-

ration Service Divisiun Karb Thongpakdi as

secretary, will include among others high

ranking officials from the labor, police and foreign affairs departments. Among respon-

sibilities assigned to the committee is to hold

orientation courses for workers so that they

could perform efficiently abroad, much to the

The committee has also heen empowered

iu formulate policy covering Thais going

abroad to work, conduct follow-up and

evaluation studies and co-ordinate opera-

satisfaction of their employers.

nations it deals with, a company official told Arab News Thursday.

The announcement was made by the executive after Arab officials expressed their shock and dismay over the denigrating nature of an advertisement placed in West Germany's Stern magazine that ponrayed Arabs as greedy. The advertisement was made by the West Germany distributor of Suzuki products, and was reprinted in Arab News last Sunday.

Takaaki Masuyama, managing director of Suzuki Japan, said the company is informing all distributors that the spirit of Suzuki is to respect the friendly relations between nations, to pay maximum "anention" to promotional acovities and never arouse begaove images of nations the parent company respects and all Suzuki distributors are to abide by the spirit and principle of Suzuki Japan.

However, be said, that the companies distributors are founded on an independent basis and operate under their local capital. Advertisements are made by the companies independently in their respective countries, be added.

'The distributor in West Germany is no exception. This company is independent of Suzuki Japan in capital and management, and their advertisement in question was planned and executed by themselves without our involvement," the executive said.

Masuyama said Suzuki Japan learned of the advertisement only after it appeared in Stern magazine. The advertisement depicted Arabs as greedy people not interested in reducing gas consumption.

We at once strongly protested against the advertisement to our distributor and instructed them to extend a public apology and never to repeat such a thoughtless advertisement in the future," he added. The Suzuki official also said "the company regrets that such an incident was caused by one of our business associates."

In a statement, he said his company respects the friendly relationship of Japan and countries of the world. "It is our sincere wish that we will contribute through our products to progress the industries and welfare of each country with which Japan enjoys friendly relations."

Suzuki Japan is exporting motorcycles and cars to 146 countries at present.

1 dies in Paris blast

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) - A passerby was killed early Thursday when a bomb exploded outside an Armenian Cultural Center in a residential area of Paris. Alfonso de Almeida, 56. Portuguese-born porter of an apartment block next to the center in the elegant Rue de Courcelles, was walking his dog when he stopped to look in a bag lying on the steps of the cultural center. The bomh exploded in his face, killing him instantly.

The bombing was the first attack in France on Armenian property, and nobody had claimed responsibility for it by mid-morning.



OFF-SIDE GAME : The Roberts Brothers thought it would be nice to get Maureen the elephant to play ball with them. However, the elephant had other ideas.

European countries caught West up in

LONDON, May 28 (AP) - Rarely in recent years bave so many Western European nations been caught up in as much political turmoil or uncertainty as they are this spring.

As America's allies await clearer foreign policy lines from Washington, there is reason for concern there about what sort of Europe will emerge from the present turbulence affecting at least six countries. The backdrop of this state of flux in the West is nagging worry about eventual Soviet intention in Poland, with the whole fate of East-West Relations in the brink.

During the past few days, the Italian government has collapsed, the ruling coalition in the Netherlands was defeated and France has scheduled crucial parliamentary elections after the stunning victory of a Socalist in presidential elections. Parliamentary elections have heen set in the Irish Republic, which may lead to a change in prime ministers.

There is political uncertainty in Spain following the weekend hostage-holding in a Barcelona bank and the suggestion of a plot

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was defied by his party's left wing while winning backing for his nuclear policies. And the British Government is caught in the seemingly unsolvable Northern Ireland problem while struggling to shore up a flagging economy.

Commenting on bow unsettled Europe has suddenly become, but without being able to give a reason, a high British official said: "It just shows you how quickly the political map can change." A step to the left can be clearly defined in France, where Socialists, supported by Communists, have come to power after 23 years of center-right rule.

Parliamentary elections next month will define for President Francois Mitterrand how far and fast he can reasonably go with his leftist policies, and whether he will be obliged to take Communists into his government, a member of the North Atlantic Alliance. Pressure from the left for reversal of government policies or for a share in government is evident elsewhere.

In Italy, where Christian Democrat Pre-

Uncertain spring



mier Arnaldo Forlani's coalition government collapsed in a scandal involving a secret Masonic Lodge, Communist party leader Enrico Berlinguer renewed his call for the Communists to be brought into the next government of NATO-member Italy. And the Italian Socialist Party indicated it would make a push for a Socialist premier, which if successful would mean the end of 35 years of Christian Democrat rule in Italy.

In Spain, where the fragile government was still recovering from the aftermath of a right-wing coup attempt in February, centrist Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo told parliament he was unable to give an "adequate answer" on who had financed the hostage raid on the Barcelona bank. The Socialists and Communists forced a debate on the issue, and Socialist leader Felipe Gonzales, who would like a power-sharing role, said there was no doubt the bank raid was part of a "well-planned conspiracy" by rightists against Spanish democracy.

The Dutch center-right conlition headed by Premier Andries Van Agt was defeated in parliamentary elections, throwing that

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Thais to streamline staff selection The committee, which will have the chief of

By Edward Thangerajah Arab News correspondent

BANGKOK, May 28 - There will be no employer, employee abuses, probably no complaints of maltreatment of Thais working overseas and no question of inefficeint workers going to other countries, especially Middle East from Bangkok here after Thailand's Prime Minister Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda has set up a high-powered committee headed by the country's Interior Minister Prathuang Kiratibutr to control the sending of Thai workers overseas.

tions between concerned agencies. CIA briefing of journalists ends

WASHINGTON, May 28 (API - U.S. newsmen are no longer able to visit Central Intelligence Agency headquarters for briefings on foreign affairs and leave with stories containing statements attributed only to "U.S. government officials,"

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson said Wednesday the intelligence agency's program of background briefings by CIA analysts was discontinued since March 27 "because it was an imposition on the analysts."

Last year, the CIA conducted 125 such briefings on foreign poliocal developments: economics and scientific and technical matters at its headquarters in suburban Langley. Virginia, Peterson said.

Under the discarded system, a U.S. jour-

nalist could request a background briefing on a particular set of developments abroad. If the request was granted, the reporter was admitted to the headquarters for what was usually a one-on-one session with a member of the CIA's national foreign assessment center, which analyzes the information the agency gathers.

The briefings were never conducted by coven agents of the agency's clandestine directorate of operations, Peterson said.

The agency's briefer was never idenofied by name or position. Stories that resulted were attributed to "U.S. government officials," never to the CIA or even to intellig-

ence officials.

country into a government crisis which might last for weeks. The main foreign policvissue in the elections was NATO's desire to implant nuclear missiles on Dutch soil,

opposed by leftist parties.

Ireland's Prime Minister Charles Haughey has called an election fur June 11 in an effort to renew his mandate. One of the issues is the turmoil in Northern Ireland and efforts of Haughey and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher jointly to point the way to an eventual solution. Mrs. Thatcher has sternly ruled out any political concessions to "terrorist" hunger strikers.

West German Chartellor Schmidt, who had threatened to step down if there was continued squabbling over plans to station nuclear missiles in West Germany, won parliamentary endorsement of his policies, but dissent came from leftists in his own Social Democratic Party. The leftists are skeptical of U.S. resolve to carry out meaningful arms negotiations with the Soviets, while at the same time pushing for installation the missiles in Western Europe.

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Saudi Arabia contributes to 12 institutions

including the Islamic Development Bank and

the Arab Bank for Economic Development

in Africa in which it has \$3 billion or 20

percent of the bank's capital. Between 1976

and 1980, the Kingdom gave . loans totaling :

\$3 billion to the International Bank for Reg-

ional Development and \$6 billion to the

international Monetary Fund (IMF). It also gave additional loaos in May to the

IMF, which amounted to some \$8 billion in

Jalal further said that the Saudi Fund for

Development, which bad started with a \$3.03

billion capital and obtained last year an addi-

tional financement of \$1.51 billion, will soon

COMMENT

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The problem of illegal residents still

while the legal position of 237 was regular-

ized and 628 cases are still under consid-

In the Western Province, the police

chief announced that 10,000 illegal resi-

dents were arrested in different parts of

the province, and the officials are taking

measures to deport them to their respec-

Reading between the lines one finds a

Whatever it may be, Islam enjoins upon

While it is the duty of us all to chase

every illegal resident, we should try to treat them amicably, for it is enjoined by

the divine law and the Interior Ministry

also has given instructions on this matter.

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To Third World countries Saudi Arabian aid totals \$20b

VIENNA, May 28 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia gave Third World countries aid totaling \$20 billion, or six percent of its oational income between 1976 and 1980, Dr. Mahsoun Jalal, board chairman of OPEC's International Development Fund, announced bere Wednesday.

Saudi aid constitutes 41 percent of all OPEC assistance to the Third World, and equals 15 percent of the aid given those countries by the industrialized world.

As part of the Saudi Arabiao annual aid averaging \$4 billion, the Kingdom gave \$1.5 billion in the form of outright grants aod \$2.5 in the form of loans, the official said. The Kingdom also contributes to numerous international and regional development funds, he added.

UAE president sends cables

ABU DHABI, May 28 (WAM) - United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Thursday sent cables of thanks to King Kbaled and Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, emir of Qatar in reply to their cables on the occasion of their departure, following the conclusion of the two-day Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states summit conference.

The summit ended last Tuesday. The president also sent cables of congratulations to

Photo display opened

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 28 - Makkah Governor Prince Majed opened a photo exhibition at the Redec Plaza gallery Wednesday evening. The exhibition includes the works of Saudi Arabian photographer Khaled Khidr, manager of Saudi's visual communications and archives center, and veteran American photographer Ansel Adams.

Each artist will have about 40 photographs on display, Khidr's display deals with modern Jeddah and the beautification efforts undertaken by Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi. Adam's works deal with the American west.

Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and Italian President Sandro Pertini on the occasion of their national days.

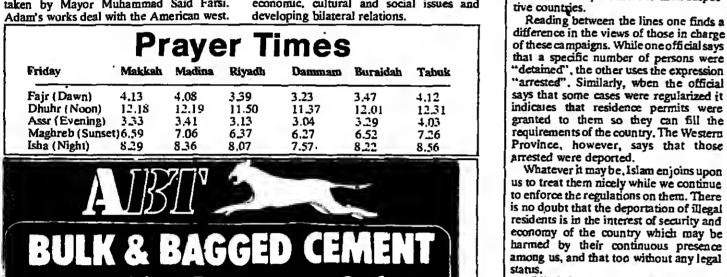
In other Gulf news, Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktoum, UAE vice president and prime minister left Dubai Thursday morning for Karachi, Pakistan, on a private visit of several days.

Sheikh Rashid was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Maktoum bin Rasid, deputy premier and Dubai crown prince; Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, minister of finance and industry; and a number of senior government officials

Boucetta arrives

JEDDAH, May 28 (SPA) - Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta arrived here Wednesday evening to lead his country's delegation to meetings of the Saudi-Moroccao Joint Commission, from May 30-31. He also will confer during the visit with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, who leads the Saudi delegadon.

Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Alami, the Moroccan ambassador to Saudi Arabia, said that the commission will deal with all economic, cultural and social issues and developing bilateral relations.



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Visiting minister tells workers Pakistan sets up expatriate agency

By Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, May 28 - Pakistan's governmeot has set up an Overseas Pakistani Foundation for the benefit of the 400,000 Pakistani expatriates in the Kingdom.

The foundation, whose membership is open to the expatriates, will help them secure land for housing. It will also open a college for the children of Pakistani natiooals abroad, Ghulam Dastagir Khan, Pakistan Labor Minister, told Arab News Wednesday.

Khan, who arrived bere Tuesday, is on a fact-finding mission to study the problems of the expatriates and take steps for their solution.

He said the college will offer courses in Islamic studies, specially for the children of those expatriates who were working in the West. It will be built in Islamabad. A separate women's college also will be set up in Lahore, he said. Other facilides include opening of eve treatment camps and providing transpor-tation facilities for families of the expatriate labor class.

The foundation will provide scholarships to expatriate children studying in schools, and in the event of death or injury striking the expatriate, arrangements will be made to extend all facilities to the affected families.

Asked to comment on a general feeling among the Pakistanis that the houses being constructed by the government were costly. the minister agreed. But the expatriates need not buy houses. They could buy the plot and construct bouses according to their own needs.

Referring to manpower development, Khan said a crash program had been launched to offer courses which kept in view the requirements of Saudi Arabia. As many as 47 polytrade centers had been opened and are offering six-month courses in masonry, plumbing, mechanic, carpentry, smithy, welding, refrigeration, TV repair and other technical jobs. The crash program, launched lastyear, bad trained 5,000 workers last year. The larget for this year is 10,000,

Besides, he said, five centers had been set up at Islamabad, Sialkot, Faisalabad, Lahore and Karachi to train Pakistanis in technical jobs. These centers, opened with World Bank assistance, have already started functioning.

Additionally, the governor of Bavaria, Joseph Strauss, gave grants to the Pakistani government for setting up a training center in Loralai (Baluchistan). Work had already started on the project which is being assisted by German technicians, "West Germany has also agreed to set up more such centers in Pakistan," Khan said.

The minister said expatriates bad pre-

Nursing class graduates

TAIF, May 28 (SPA) - The Psychiatric Hospital here Wednesday bonored its third class of 13 nurses. Through its training courses program, the hospital supplies other clinics in the Kingdom with skilled manpower. The director of the bospital, Dr. Ösama Al-Radi, thanked King Khaled's gov-

sented to him a few of the problems which they encountered in coming to the Kingdom. A common complaint, he said, was that they were overcharged by the recruiting agents and their intermediaries. The minister assured them that such persons will be brought to book in Pakistan. At the same time, he requested the authorities in the Kingdom to punish those found guilty of such malpractices.

Khan said the expatriate laborers had their own problems. They were illiterate and unable to fill in the forms. They had requested the minister to instruct the Pakistani embassy to provide guidance for filling in the forms and in attending to related matters. During his talks with Makkah Governor

Prince Majed the minister thanked the Kingdom for standing by Pakistan through thick and thin and for providing material assis-

tance. He said he told Prince Majed that Pakistan always looked up to the Kingdom for spiritual leadership and deeply valued in friendship. Prince Majed appreciated the sentiments and said that Saudi Acabia also attached importance to its friendship with Pakistan.

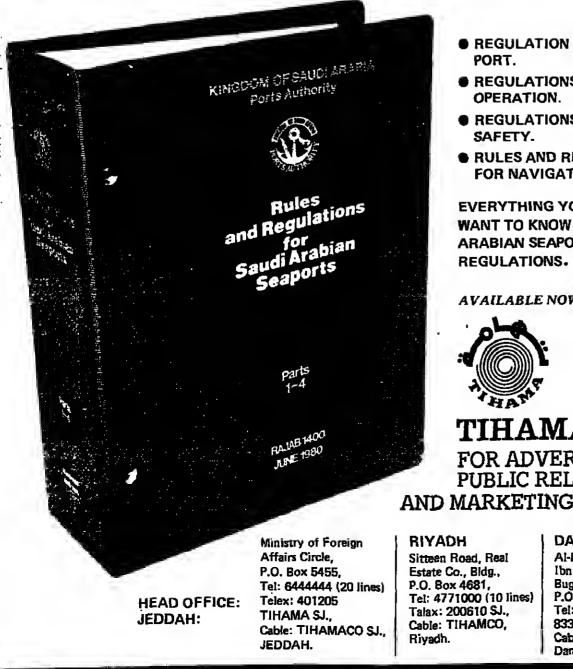
The minister invited the governor to Pakis-tan. The prince accepted the invitation, but no formal date has yet been fixed.

In his talks with OIC secretary-account Habib Chatti, the minister reviewed the siteation arising out of the Iran-Iraq war and the Lebanon crisis. Chatti briefed him on the efforts being made to resolve the conflict Khan, who met the Pakistani espaniates here, assured them that the government with extend to them full cooperation in setting up industries back home or in helping them m the construction of houses.



persists although regular arrests and deportations have continued for the past three years. According to the police director of Rivadh, 2,065 persons were detained in a period of just one and a balf months, of whom 1,200 were deported,

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As Khaddam, Butros meet Israeli planes bombard Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 28 (Agencies) - Israeli planes Thursday bombarded the regions of Damur and Naameh, about 15 kms south of Beirut, Palestinian forces said here.

The bombardment began at 3:15 p.m. local time (1315 GMT) and lasted for at least 15 minutes, they reported. The village of Damur is a Palestinian stronghold.

Israeli planes also flew over Palestinian camps at Baddawi and Nahr-el-Bared, near the northern Lehanese city of Tripoli, the Palestinian News Agency Wafa reported

The last Israeli air strike was almost a month ago - April 29 - when planes attacked targets near the southern port city of Sidon and the central sector market town of Nabatiych.

Thursday's reported raid came a day after United States special envoy Philip Habib left Israel for bome after spending three weeks in the size trying to defuse a crisis over the institution of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebron's Bekaa Valley. The installation fol-lower Israel's shooting down of two Syrian helicopters in the region.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese and Syrian Foreign Ministers resumed efforts Thursday bere to reich an internal settlement for Lebanon. Lebinese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros and his Sprian counterpart Abdul Halim Khad-dam opened talks in the Lebanese town of Shtomra, headquarters of the all-Syrian A rab Detertent Force (ADF).

The talks are apparently to prepare for a neefing of several Arab foreign ministers to discuss the Lebanese issue which bas been entatively scheduled for next week.

Informed sources in Damascus said Khadam and Butros also discussed a resumption

Israel starts work on Dead Sea tunnel

TEL AVIV. May 28 (AFP) - Work started Thursday on a multi-million-dollar sraeli project to drill a tunnel along a 90-kms youte between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sca.

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When construction is finished in about 1990, the 300-metre difference in levels betseen the two seas will send Mediterranean staters flowing into the Dead Sea to produce ydro-electric energy through underground rubines. Pre-drilling technical work was tarting Thursday near the ancient Dead Sea ortress of Masada, before a final decision is nade on exactly where and how to tackle the project.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin will ittend the official inauguration ceremony cheduled for a few days ahead of the general Ling Arterion late next month. Energy Minister unnel would cost \$800 million at 1980 nices. Construction would take between ight an nine years and energy produced srael's current requirements.



of Syrian-sponsored efforts to bring about a

national reconciliation between Lebanon's rightist Christian and nationalist Muslim groups Syria launched an effort to restore Leban-

ese unity shortly before Israeli warplanes shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships in the Bekaa April 28. The Syrians retaliated by deploying SAM-6 i missiles in the Bekaa the next day, hringing the two Mideast antagonists to the verge of war.

The Lebanese authorities have apparently been encouraged by last week's conference of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis that the Arab world is solidly behind Syria and Lebanon in meeting: Israeb aggression.

It was agreed at that meeting to reactivate the follow-up committee on Lebanon, which was set up after the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war but suspended operations late last year. The committee, beaded by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and also comprising Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria and an Arab League representative, is expected to meet soon at foreign minister level

Beirut radio said Thursday it bad been "almost decided" to : bold the meeting at the heginning of next week. . These has been no announcement of the date or place.

. In Bekka, four-man British television crew was back at work Wednesday after being briefly detained earlier in the week by Syrian

peacekeeping troops. Peter Gill, a reporter for the Londonbased Thames Television, said, "we were picked up by Syrian troops less than three hours after crossing into the valley from Syria last Monday. They beld us for several hours

Tremors wreck 300 houses in Greece

ATHENS, May 27 (R) - More than 300 houses were wrecked hy tremors in the Preveza area of the northwestern Greece Thursday, a police spokesman said. The region was hit hy 44 tremors measures from 4.1 to 5.5 points on the Richter Scale. The epicenter was 280 kms northwest of Athens. The tremors caused panic but no casual-

ties, the spokesman said. Most of the damage was in villages around the town of Vonitsa.



Fued Butros

but then released us, though they kept our equipment until late Tuesday." Although journalists have been roaming freely in the valley during the past four weeks, they have not been allowed to photograph or film any of the missile sites clearly visible next to busy highways in the area. Syrian troops have standing orders not to allow any photogra-

In Moscow, Izvestia accused Habib Wednesday of playing a "provocative role" in the Syrian-Israeli crisis." He began in trigues with the goal of ohliging Syria to subject itself to the dictates of Israel and to impose on Lebanon a settlement that would atrengthen the position of the rightists and threaten the interests of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria." the Soviet government newspaper asserted.

It said Habib went to the Mideast "masked as a peace maker," although his real aim was to play a "provocative role" in the conflict."

Sadat to meet Begin next week

TEL AVIV, May 28 (R) - Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian Pres-ident Anwar Sadat will meet in the Sinai next Thursday, a government spokesman said Thursday.

The meeting, called at the request of Begin, will take place in Sbarm-el-Sheikh, the sonthernmost tip of the Israeb-occupled Sinai

No reason was given for the suddenlyscheduled meeting. The spokesman said Begin's request for the meeting was conveyed to Sadat by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sha-ron, who visited Egypt last week. Begin had wanted to confere with the Egyptian leader earlier this year to discuss the deadlocked negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. But Sadat said that it would he best to wait after Israel's June 30 elections.

The two leaders exchanged message on the Syrian missile crisis in Lebanon, and Begin described Sadat's communication as "warm and most friendly."

South Yemen wants Arab League talks

ADEN, May 28 (AP) - South Yemen has

Minister hints at change in French M.E. policy PARIS, May 28 (R) - French Foreign

Minister Claude Cheysson has said his country's new Socialist-led government would make no immediate changes in Middle East policies. But Cheysson told the newspaper Le Monde that there was "a different sensitivity" and that France's positions would become clearer in the coming months."

Thear minister said France would scrupulously respect declarations and resolutions made by the administration of former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, including the joint EEC atance on the Middle East. "We will i see French positions become clearer in the coming months but at the outset they are exactly the same as those of the previous government ... However there is a different sensitivity and the great advantage that we are able to say things that our predeces-sors could not say," Cheysson said. French Socialist leaders are reported to

be trying to reassure Arab states and Arab investors who 1 have expressed concern about President Francois Mitterrand'a long-standing close ties with Israel.

Mitterrand's office said Monday that the president bad accepted an invitation to visit Israel. It would be the first time a French president has visited the Zionist state. Asked about Mitterrand's pro-Israeli statements during the recent presidential election campaign. Cheysson said "I cannot answer for the president, But I believe Israel is one of the elements involved and that one should not be friends with one side only, if one wants to play a role (in Middle East peace. efforts.)"

Bhutto lawyer freed KARACHI, May 28 (AP) - Yahya

Bakhtiar, a former attorney-general of Pakis-tan, was released from Quetta district jail Wednesday evening after detention orders were withdrawn, it was officially announced in Ouetta.

Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto before the supreme court of Pakistan in a murder case before his execution April 4, 1979, was detained last March 31 under the martial law regulations.

Earlier this year, Bakhtiar was sentenced to five years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 by a special tribunal, which found him guilty of ahusing his position as attorney-general during the Bbutto regime and committing irregularities in his own election to the National Assembly of Pakistan in March 1977.



In Bangladesh assembly **Complain about India** to U.N., says opposition

DACCA, May 28 (AP) - Parliamentarians Wednesday accused India of following an expansionist policy against its neighbors by occupying a newly-emerged river island also claimed by Bangladesh.

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Opposition leader Khan Abdus Sabur Khan called on the government to raise the issue at the United Nations, charging that India was attempting to block riverine routes and to occupy other emerging islands in the Bay of Bengal. India earlier deployed battleships in the vicinity of the 12-squarekilometer island, called Talpatti, located io the estuary of the Harihhanga and Raimangal Rivers. The Indian government said the move was to counter the presence of three Bangladesh patrol craft in the area.

Bangladesh people to boycott Indian goods until India ahandoned its claim to the island. He said that the people would not allow India to turn Bangladesh into a "protectorate state" like Sikkim and Bhutan.

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Ataur Rahman Khan, former chief minister of East Pakistan, said the island had always been a part of the region now called Bangladesh. He presented a map from the mid-1950s which showed that Talpatti had heen part of East Pakistan at that time. He said a Dutch team had conducted the survey.

Awami League leaders also urged India to quit its aggression against Bangladesh, hut criticized the government of Bangladesh for keeping information from the people. Indian troops had moved May 9, a full week before the government told the public.

The oppositioo leader called upon the

Khomeini attacks Bani-Sadr Rajai and his Muslim fundamentalist gov-

TEHRAN, May 28 (Agencies) — Ayatol-lah Khomemi intervened in Iran's political infighting Wednesday and warned feuding officials to halt their grab for power.

In a strongly-worded speech at the mosque next to his home in the Tehran suburb of Jamaran, Khomeini told critics of the dergy-dominated government to "go back to Europe, the the United States or wherever else you want." He warned that anyone intentionally ridiculing Iran's doctrinaire government would be an infidel. "His property must be confiscated and he must be killed." he said.

Khomeini's bour-long speech left little doubt that the main target of his criticism was President Aholhassan Bani-Sadr, a liberalminded economist , who is locked in a bitter struggle with Prime Minister Mubammad Ali

Paris before the 1979 revolution that toppled the Shah. Many of the president's aides are technocrats trained in Europe and the United States. "If you don't want to be ousted from the scene, adhere to the law, not just in words,"

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the Iranian News Agency quoted Khomeini as saving. He would oppose anyone who violated the law, even if it was the president, the prime minister, majlis members or any other officials, Pars quoted Kbomeini as saying.

Recalling his declaration of 1981 as "the year of the law", be said Bani-Sadr and Rajai would lose bis support if they tried to take more power than they were due under the constitution.

For Chad operations

Libya wants compensation

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) - Libya intends to seek compensation for its operations in Chad at next month's Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit, the country's Informatioo Minister Ibrahim Bishari has said bere.

Bisbari was speaking Wednesday after attending a four-country mini-summit in the Chadian capital of Ndjamena, at which delegates discussed the Libyan military presence in Chad and its eventual replacement by a peacekeeping force drawn from a number of African countries, He said his government would ask the other OAU members to shoulder responsibility for the reconstruction of Chad.

He said that Libya had ensured stahility

and an end to the civil war in Chad, and it supported "the legal government" headed by interim President Goukouni Oueddei, Bishari denied that Lihya had hacked forces -serving Chad's Foreign Minister Ahmat Acyl who is openly pro-Libyan - in clashes with troops serving the president. He also denied that Lihya had sent troop reinforcements to Aheche in eastern Chad, Acyls stronghold. The Lihyan minister said that

Libyan soldiers were in fact being withdrawn. Bishari's statements contradicted reports from Chadian refugees and anti-Libvan factions, as well as Sundanese sources, about fighting around Abeche in mid-Aroil in. which at least 100 persons were said to have been killed.

Bakhtiar, who defended late former Prime



called for an urgent meeting of the : ATad League to impose sanctions against Sudan for its moves to consolidate relations with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, according to an official statement.

"The government of democratic Yemen, while condemning such steps taken by the Sudanese regime which it regards as marching in the Camp David parties, asks the Arab League to hold an urgent meeting for sanctions against the regime of (Sudanese President Jaafar) Numeiri which ... violated the resolutions of the Arah summit and all the Arabs collectively," the statement said.

Syria Sunday condemned the visit to Sudan by the Egyptian president and said it would not appoint an ambassador to Khartoum. Syria. South Yemen, Libya, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization are members of te hardline Steadfastness and Confrontation Front which opposes the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace effort between Egypt and



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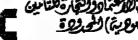
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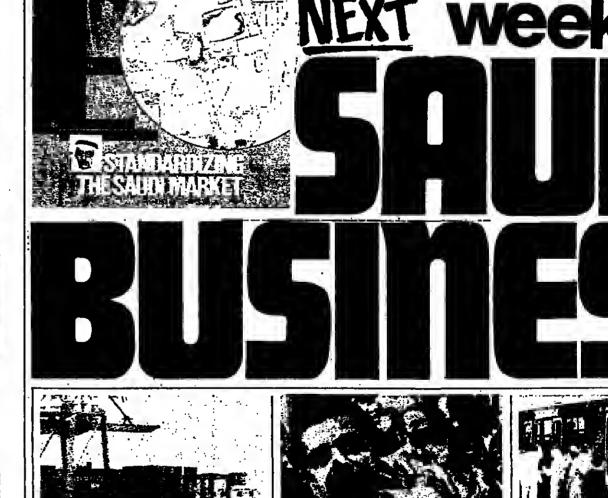
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OPEC MEETING

No headline-grabbing news was made at the closed-door meeting of the oil-producing countries in Geneva last week. Members agreed to a price strategy that would freeze oil prices in a situation where buyers are getting the upper hand. S. Sidahmed reports from Geneva on the outcome of the talks.

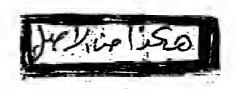


TRANSPORT BLUES

With coasters off the roads. passengers are finding it difficult to get buses on time and the SAPTCO service is being improved to meet the challenge of coping with the increasing numbers of passengers. Ahmad Kamal Khusro looks into the ins and outs of the transportation system.

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On arms reduction

Reagan favors talks from strong position

WEST POINT, New York, May 28 (R) -President Reagan has declared that he would negotiate with the Soviet Union on arms reductions only from a position of strength, and said that the United States would enhance the prospects for peace by maintaining its defense.

Reagan chose the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as the setting for a reassertion of his pledge, given during last year's election campaign, to make America militarily stroog. "No nation that placed its faith in parchment or paper and gave up its protective hardware ever lasted long enough to write any pages in history." be said in his address to 900 graduating army cadets.

He was apparently referring to the SALT II (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty) signed with Moscow in 1979, which bas still not been ratified by the U.S. Senate and is viewed by Reagan as unacceptable. "The search for peace must go on, but we have a better chance of finding it if we maintain our

strength while we are searching," Reagan said.

Reagan did not mention his pledge to Western allies earlier this month that the United States would open talks with Moscow before the end of the year on reducing the number of medium-range nuclear missiles deployed in Europe. But he said going ahead with increased military spending did not mean the United States should not seek understandings with the Soviet Union and even mutual reductions of strategic weapons. The president also used his visit to West Point to appeal for a new spirit of patriotism and duty on the part of Americans. He repeated his election campaign charges that former President Jimmy Carter had neg-lected defense and said this "temporary aber-

revival - a hunger to once again be proud of all that America is and can be," the presideot

ration" bad ended. His own election had brought "a spiritual

said.

Paris meeting urges sanctions

ANC admits Durban blast JOHANNESBURG, May 2g (R) - After

4g hours of guerrilla attacks by the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), celebrations marking South Africa's 20 years as a republic bave been clouded with controversy and violence.

In a statement issued in Tanzania Wednesday, the ANC admitted responsibility for the attacks, declaring: "The people bave nothing to celebrate in a fascist republic." The ANC's latest operation was in Durban where a bomb severely damaged an army recruiting office. No one was injured, but the blast shattered windows in shops and offices around the recruiting center.

The blast followed sabotage attacks Monday when explosions cut rail lines outside Durban and Johannesburg, a grenade and guo attack was launched against an isolated police station and a policemao was wounded

Worker's feet re-attached

AUGUSTA, Georgia, May 28 (AFP) - More thao a dozen surgeons worked through the night Tuesday to re-attach a dockworker's feet, lopped off in an accident, a Talmadge Memorial Hospital spokesman said. The 12-bour operatioo ended at 3 a.m., and by Wednesday afternoon doctors were declaring themselves "cantiously optimistic."

Success for the operation depends on whether the blood circulates well through the two feet during the next few days,

when a patrol was fired on. The white minority National Party government bad intended this week's republic day celebrations to demonstrate national unity under the slogan "uoity io diversity."

Opposition groups have organized meetings throughout the country to protest against the celebrations, saying the vast majority of disenfranchized blacks bad nothing to celebrate. University and high school students bave boycotted classes, and riot police Wednesday forced several bundred students to leave the campus of the university in Jobanoesburg when they were bolding protest meetings.

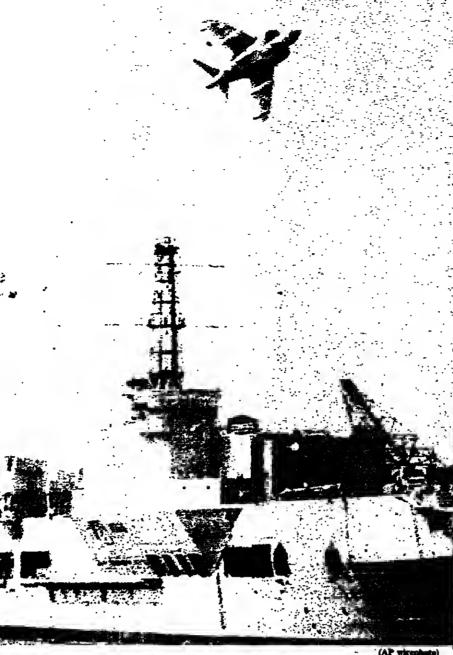
Meanwhile, South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha sent U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim a message Wednesday saying: "South Africa will oot take sanctions lying down."

The South African U.N. mission issued the text at the United Nations after the Paris international cooference oo sanctions agaiost South Africa ended with a declaration urging that all couotries "unilaterally and collectively impose economic sanctions against the apartheid regime of South Africa" pending U.N. Security Council sanctions action.

"The South African government will certainly react appropriately to safeguard her own interests," Botha said, repeating a point be bad made to Waldheim earlier.

"Sanctions agaiost South African will io effect amount to sanctions against southern Africa, because the economies of a number of independent countries are so closely loterlinked with the South African economy that they, and not in the first instance South Africa, will undoubtedly be the foremost to suffer and it would in

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VERSATILE JET: A flying display by the versatile Sea Harrier jet was the highlight recently at the British Royal Navy Chatham Base. A British invention, it can take off vertically, bover and even fly backward. It is used as a subsonic fighter, reconnaissance or strike aircraft. The British government is about to order 100 American-adapted versions of the jet, designated AV-8B.

Hinckley recovers after pill overdose

BUTNER, North Carolina, May 28 (AP) - Jobo W. Hinckley Jr., the man accused of trying to assassinate U.S. President Ronald Reagan has taken an overdose of tylenol in an "attempt to barm himself" but was treated at a prison infirmary and bas recovered, a government official said.

Tom Decair, a spokesman for U.S. Justice Department io Washington, said Hinckley, 25, took Wedoesday an undetermined amount of the aspirin substitute, which be bad beco saving up io his quarters at the Butner correctional facility.

Hinckley had "been denres

was giveo an antidote and was later returned to his goarters after tests were nuo to check the degree of toxicity in his system.

"He is not in a life-threatening situation," Decair said. He said Hinckley's pareots and his defense attorneys had been notified. Hiockley, 25, was arrested March 30 moments after Reagan and three others were shot outside the Hilton Hotel in Washingtoo, D.C.

Decair said that on Wednesday afternoon Hinckley told a defense psychiatrist that be bad taken the tylenol. According to Decair, the psychiatrist immediately informed medical

Nerve gas plant funds voted **U.S.studies resumption** of chemical arms output

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AFP) - The production of chemical weapons, abandoned in the United States 12 years ago, is again being considered seriously by the Pentagon, which fears that the Soviet Union bas taken a serious lead in the field.

The U.S. Senate has just voted a \$20 million credit to fund equipment for a factory at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where a new nerve gas will be produced if President Ronald Reagan gives the go-ahead. A presidential authoriza-tion is necessary, after former President Richard Nixon suspended production of chemical arms in 1969.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger have both let it be known in Congress that they favored reconstituting the American armed forces' arsenal of chemical weapons.

"It is absolutely essential for the United States to begin promptly the process of redressing the chemical imbalance between ourselves and the 'USSR," Weinberger . wrote in a recent letter to Republican Sen. John Toar, chairman of the armed forces commit-

U.S. military officials say they are way behind the Soviet Unioo'in chemical warfare capability and claim that Moscow has a stockoile of 350,000 tons of chemical weapons against 38,000 for the United States

Col. Bobby Robinson, who heads the U.S. Army's chemical weapons department. believes the Soviet Union to be capable of waging chemical warfare on a grand scale for

a period of 30 days. The U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency estimates at 50,000 the number of chemical warfare specialists in the Soviet armed forces, against only 4,700 in the U.S. Army. Although the Soviet Union has signed the

Geneva protocol banning nations from being first in using chemical arms, military experts of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization consider that in case of need, the Soviet military would not hesitate to resort to such weapons.

The Pentagon, meanwhile, anticipates spending close to \$2,500 million on the development of chemical weapons over the next five years.

The U.S. Army feels that the chemical arsenal presently at its disposal is obsolete and in fact a potential threat to the environment. The so-called wet-eye bombs now stocked near Deover, Colorado, in a compound constantly overflown by passenger liners in and out of the Denver International Airport, have ceased to be airtight and risk leaking their - contents some day, they say.

The U.S. Army has plans to replace weteye by big-eye, a so-called binary gas easy to stock because its two components remain harmless as long as they are not put into contact with each other. They are fused only in the instant when the bomb containing them is detonated.

A resumption of the production of chemical weapons, if the decision is taken, is likely however to trigger a stormy debate all across America.

Obote frees 3,000 detainees

KAMPALA, May 28 (AFP) - Ugandan President Miltoo Obote bas ordered the immediate release of 3,000 detainees, most of them soldiers in the army of the former regime. The president ordered the release during celebrations marking the first anniversary of his return from nine years of exile in . Tanzania after his overthrow in 1971.

Obote also said Wednesday his government would do everything possible to remove terrorism from the face of Uganda while allowing the oppositioo Democratic Party to be beard.

Most of the 3,000, who were detained after the Tanzanian-backed war in April 1979, have been the subject of controversy in Uganda. Some political leaders demanded special human rights courts to try them.

Dissident groups in February launched an abortive attack on the maximum security prisoo of Luzira prison where most of them were beld in an attempt to release them and swell their own ranks, Obote's gesture Wednesday to "beal the wounds of yesterday" surprised observers.

He bad earlier condemned the activities of armed oppositioo groops which, he said, had joined to fight his elected government. Presihe wo ad a res

to the will of the people and defend the right of the minority in Uganda to be heard.

He also said he would do everything to remove terrorism from Uganda, stressing that "oo democracy tolerates terrorism." Obote attacked some opposition Democratic Party leaders for being involved in the undergrouod activities, "including several on the executive committee who bave been and continued to leave Uganda to organize warfare against the couotry."

He denied there had been arrests of opposition leaders before attacks oo government installations began February, and called on all Democratic Party supporters to follow party leader Paul Sseogerere in seeking political solutions to Ugaoda's problems.

Polish cardinal dies

WARSAW, May 28 (AFP) - Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski died bere Thursday after being bedridden since April with an intestinal tumor, church officials said. The cardinal, Roman Catholic primate of Poland and a close friend of Pope John Paul II, was only two months from his 80th birthday.

The cardinal was the rock upoo which the church survived Communist rule in Poland. power and finally triumphant,

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The patient's legs will be about four centimeters sborter because of the removal of damaged tissues, doctors said. According to Dr. Zanir Bbatti, the dockworker - 32-year-old Johnny Ward - probably will never walk normally, but the operation will be considered a success if the patient regains stability and sensation.

Ward's fect were severed by a steel cable that snapped during the unloading of a ship and whipped across the area.

Seoul students continue riots

SEOUL, May 2g (AP) - Hundreds of students, some of them hurling rocks, clashed with riot police Thursday, the secood day of anti-government demonstrations on the campus of Seoul National University.

Witnesses said an estimated 600 students resumed demonstrations at noon, chanting "Down with (President) Chun Doo-Hwan," and defying riot police who used gas.

A 22-year-old senior plunged to his death from the fifth floor of the university library Wednesday, after fellow students demonstrated to mark the first antiversary of a bloody 10-day rebellion in the southern city of Kwangju. The student should "Down with Chun Doo-Hwan" several times before leaping to the concrete pavement below, witnesses said.

The university said authorities are inves-tigating the "fall" of the student. It was not known if the student, Kim Tae-Hoon, personally blamed the government for the Kwangju incident. Government troops last year crushed the uprising, and the official death toll there was put at 180. Unofficial reports from the southern city at the time said it was higher.

Thursday's rioting at Seoul National University was one of several anti-government protest actions by students this spring, despite laws barring unauthorized assembly or demonstrations

Pope to stay in hospital

VATICAN CITY, May 28 (AFP) - Doctors have advised Pope John Paul II not to leave bospital on Sunday, the day he had hoped to return to the Vatican, it was

A medical bulletin, binting at a setback, said the Pope would have to remain under bospital observation for an unspecified period following the gun attack on him 15 days ago.

Although the 61-year-old Pope had made slow but steady progress over the past five days, be showed slight signs of tiredness when he began catching up on Vatican work from his bospital bed, the statement said.

It added that specialists Wednesday tre-ated the fractured index finger of the Pope's left hand, hit in the Vatican shooting, with an aluminium splint which would remain in place for many days. The Pope bad earlier seemed to be making a speedy recovery and aides said he wanted to leave hospital Suoday,

these countries who would suffer most."

barm himself," Decair said. He said Hinckley the antidote

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In French Open

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rg breezes into third round

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) - Defending Enampion Biorn Borg of Sweden swept into the third round of the French Open Tennis tonmament when be defeated Cassio Motta of Brazil 6-1, 7-5, 6-0 bere Thursday.

The 24-year-old Scandinavian, bidding for his sixth title at the champiooships, looked much sharper against the muscular South American than be had done against his firstround opponent Jose Lopez-Maeso of Spain. Borg, backed this time by an accurate service and excellent length in the baseline

exchanges, captured the first set in under half-an-hour. Motta won only the fifth game - and that was given to bim by Borg's sportsmanship.

The Swedish player over-ruled a line-call on a long looping forehand from the Braziliao which was called out by the baseline judge. It was different in the second set when Motta, taking risks, managed to take five games from the champion. He broke Borg's service three times.

MEN'S SINGLES, (FIRST ROUND); Jimmy Connors (U.S.) def. Chritophe Roger-Vasselin (France) 6-1, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3: Jose-Luis Clere (Argentina) def. Heniz Gunthardt (Swtizerland) 7-5, 7-5, 6-1; Andres Gomez (Eeuador) def. Eddie Edwards (U.S.) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Van Lend (Czechoslovakia) def. Joho Fitzgerald (Australia) 7-5, 7-6, 6-4; Mel Purcell (U.S.) def. Adoreas Maurer (West Germany) 3-6, 4-6, 6-J, 6-3, 6-1; Patrice Kuchna (France) def. David Schneider (South Africa) 6-4, 3-6,

6-4, 6-2. Eddie Dibbs (U.S.) def. Bruce Maoson (U.S.), 6-0, 6-1, 6-1; Peter MeNamara (Australia) def. Georges Gover, (Fraoce) 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1; Diego Perezgn (Uruguay), def Jan Kodes (Czechoslovakia) 6-2, 6-1,

But then Borg, as though sensing the com-**IKesults**i 6-4 Per Hjertquist (Sweden) def. Onny Parun (New Zealand) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, Giles Moretton (France) def. Denis Naegelen (France) 6-3, 7-6, 6-0; Chris Lewis (New

Zealand) def. Mark Edmonsdon (Australia) 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-4. MEN'S SINGLES (SECOND ROUND): Bjorn Borg (Sweden) def. Cassio Motta (Brazil) 6-1, 7-5, 6-0; Paul Torre (France) def. Angel Gimenez (Spaio) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; Wojtek Fibak (Poland) def. Fernando Luna (Spain) 7-6, 6-0, 7-6;

WOMEN'S SINGLES (SECOND ROUND): Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) def. Rosemnry Casals (U.S.) 6-2, 6-J. Virginia Ruzici (Romania) def. Maoette Schutte (Netherlands) 7-5, 6-2.

ing stoppage and keen to get things over raced home like an express train in the third without giving his opponent another game. He was beloed in this by the fact that Motta, demoralised after failing to capitalize on his advantages in the second set and unhappy with the blustery drizzle conditions, offered little real resistance.

"I feel fine and so far I have been luckier than most players regarding the weather," the Swede said. Referring to bis third-round opponent, French 'giant-killer' Paul Torre, Borg said:" I have never played bim but be hits the ball with a lot of top spin and be must be playing well to have beaten players like McNamee and Gimenez.

He said there was no such thing as an "easy" match at the tornament. He was still match rusty after his mooth-long rest because of a shoulder injury incurred at the Monte Carlo Tournament and consequently he needed to prepare for each match very thoroughly.

"Every match is difficult and important for me. But now I am beginning to gather more confidence after two matches," said Borg.

One of the day's most explosive matches came oo an outside court and pitted 24year-old New Zealander Chris Lewis against Australian Mark Edmondson. Lewis eventually won the four-hour clash 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-4.



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(Photo by M. Naci) KEEPING TRIM: Zakaria Tantawy (left) and Jameel Shaban displaying a few stance that helps keep the paunch under control.

Health center--an answer to modern day's sports strains

through the grind at the gym with skillful ease and delightful speed, asserts that after a hard day either at the office or the playing

fiald, one tends to slacken or get weary, and

that's what the sauna bath takes care of. A

stint at the gym under the watchful eve of

the instructors makes you feel refreshed,

restores the lost energy and imparts added

But what baffles Zakaria is that al though

the center is over two and a half years old

with just a nominal fee of SR2.000 a year it

has but a membership of 20 Saudi Arabian

physical fitness enthusiasts. Nevertheless,

he and the other instructor are kept busy

right through from J0.00 a.m. to J1.00 p.m.

with the hotel guests popping in and out. The ceoter at the Sheraton, that has a

magnificent gymnasium fined with cyclet-

tes, paunch reducers, gymnastics, and other

equipment is restricted to just the botel

guests at the moment, but will go open in

the near future and Abdul Halim Ballout,

sonality to a great extent, asserts tha white-

clad Ahdul Halim. In a fast-moving world

that demands the maximum, it is imperative

that man is fully fit to stand up to the strains

and it's at the bealth center that the answer

lies. Apart from enabling you build your

body to withstand the pressure of everyday

life, it also provides for the relaxaoon that's

"The center could belp boost man's per-

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pep for yet another hard day's work.

By Peter Rodrigues

JEDDAH, May 28 - In the days of yore sports was termed as a recreation, a physical exercise, something that is rewarding and fulfilling to do. But can the same be said of it today? Modern day sport has its ugly side. Man has extended his spirit and dedication a step too far with the result there is much stress on physical fitness.

And when you want something done, of course, you go to the place where you can get it. Mind you Jeddah athletes the rendezvous is not too far.

A couple of steps up the spacious staircase of the luxurious Hotel Meridien on the farther end of the swimming pool, is a beautiful bealth center that vouches to cater to your oceds. The center has a gymna sium, a sauna and to cap it all experts who could guide you to derive the maximum benefit in the least possible time.

Says Zakaria Tantawy, the tall ex-boxer, who represented Egypt in many an international boxing compectioo: "just a couple of bours visit daily at the center for a month aod you'll feel years younger thereby increasing your poteotial for an extra toil. But toil you must to get the best out of life."

The program begins with a dip in the crystal clear waters of the pool followed by a sessioo at the gymnasium where Zakaria and Jameel Shaban, condidoo you with the belp of modern gadgets, that give the gym a colorful look.



EYE-CATCHING: Zakaria Tantawy action at the gym.

mercial ciry like Jeddah, tend to forget that keeping their body in proper shape is also essential in the long run. They are so used to exercising their minds that the body's pbysical fitness gets orglected. Suddenly, in old age they find that the mind is active but the bodily system bas gone haywire due to lack of constant attention,"

Abdul Halim said: "A spokesman too often sees the best part of his career evaporate, or is a mere passenger on a thrilling field due to either some recurring injury or lack of strength to cope with the battle. Had be availed of the beoefits that modern technology puts forth, he could have very well avoided all the agony.

And the answer is the bealth center, specially for the affluent who lead a cushioned sedentary life. Uoless he goes jogging regularly along the couniche preferably early in the morning before the heat and bumidity makes it a punishing exercise.

Man today is so preoccupied keeping pace with the world that he has little time to give his health a second thought with the result that the quality and working span are reduced considerably, according to Abdul Halim.

Harper steers Braves to narrow win

NEW YORK, May 28 (AP) - Terry Harper's leadoff bomer io the ninth ioning carried the Atlanta Braves to a 3-2 victory Clair, over the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday night. Harper drilled his second home ruo of the season on a 2-0 pitch from Dodger reliever Steve Howe, 4-2. The victory weot to Rick Camp, 5-1, who retired the Dodgers in order in tha ninth.

> The Braves bad tied the game 2-2 with a run in the eighth. Bruce Benedict led off with an infield hit and took second when third baseman Roo Cey threw wildly past first on the play. Beoedict was sacrificed to third by Rafael Ramirez and scored on pinch-hitter Claudell Washington's double off reliever Dave Stewart.

Dodger left-bander Jerry Reuss bad a no-hitter going into the fifth when Chris Chambliss singled. Reuss then lost his shutnut bid in th sixth wheo be yielded a runscoring single to Biff Pocoroba. The dodgers scored twice in the third ioning. One run scored oo an error and another on Steve Garvey's single.

In other National League actioo, Bob Knepper recorded bis fourth shutout in five decisions with a six-hitter and catcher Luis Pujols drove bome the winning ruo as Houstoo blanked San Diego 1-0. Dave Kingdom slugged a tic-breaking bome run, his ninth of the season, and Pat Zachry tossed a six-hitter to give New York a 3-1 victory over Philadel-

phia. Tony Pena's two-out single io the ninth inning scored Matt Alexander from second base with the winning ruo as Pittsburgh beat Chicago 3-2, Chris Speier smashed a runscoring single and Tim Raines delivered a sacrifice fly in a two-run seventh inning that snapped a J-J tie and carried Montreal to a 4-1 victory over St. Louis.

Dave Collins scored ooe run and doubled

home another and Mario Soto burled his fourth complete game as Cincinnati edged San Fraocisco 3-2 in a game delayed three times by rain.

In the American League, a bases-loaded single by Terry Crowley in the ninth inning gave Baltimore a 6-5 victory over New York. Chicago's Ron Leflore drove in one run and took away two with a great catch, leading the White Sox to a 3-0 victory over Oakland.

Jim Rice belted two bomers and Rick Miller and Dwight Evans one each as Bostoo rode a six-run fourth inning to a 10-5 victory over Cleveland, snapping Bert Blyleven's six-game winning streak,

Mickey Hatcher's run-scoring single in top of the ninth inning gave Minnesota a 2-1 victory over Texas. Ben Oglivie bit a two-run single and Charlie Moore had three hits and scored twice, leading Milwaukee to a 5-2 victory over Detroit.

Kennedy's fine goal gives Liverpool Cup

PARIS, May 28 (R) - Liverpool full back Alan Kenoedy scored the most memorable goal of his soccer career to earn the English side their third European Oup triumph with a dramatic 1-0 victory over Real Madrid of Spain Wedoesday night.

Kennedy's goal came nine minutes from the end - when most of the players appeared to have accepted the prospect of the game being forced into extra time.

There seemed little danger when Kennedy, one of the lesser known names in Liverpool's star-studded liceup, picked up a throw-in on the edge of the Real penalty area But he sped past Garcia Cortes and as goalkeeper Agustin came off his line, Kennedy curled a spectacular left-foot sbot high into the net from an acute angle. The second balf had been a thrilling spectacle, in contrast to the first when Real looked a shadow of the slde which had won this trophy a record six times. Much of the blame must lie with Hungarian referce Karoly Palotal, obviously reluctant to produce his yellow card in this showpiece event. He allowed a succession of tackles which would not have been permitted on the occasions when the Pars de Princes is used for Rugby Union. Real were the worst culprits. Kenny Dalgiish spent much of the evening flat on his hack as a result of the attention of Garcia Cortes,



But Palotai caudoned only two players, the luckless Ray Kennedy for a clumsy but barmless-looking charge on goalkeeper Agustin and West German Uli Soelike for a crude foul on Johnson.

Liverpool ignored the crunching tackles to drive forward and Alan Kennedy tested the unexperienced Agustin in the 11th minute with a stinging 30-meter drive which be did well to turn away for a corner.

But Agustin was belpless 60 seconds later when an intricate move involving Dalglish and Sammy Lee left McDermott unmarked

Toronto shocks leaders Chicago

TORONTO, Canadu, May 28 (AP) -Gordon Sweetzer, a second-half substitute for Toronto, fired in two goals to spearhead a 3-0 Blizzard upset over Chicago Sting in North American Soccer League action Wednesday night.

The win was Toronto's third in the last four games and broke a six-game winning streak for the Sting. It also dropped the Central Division leaders Sting's record to 8-3 while last-place Toronto upped its mark in the cast to 4-7. Toronto's other goal was scored by defender Gungor Tekin.

In another match, Minnesota's Ricardo Alonso scored the decisive goal in a shootout. ifting the Kicks past the Seattle Sounders 3-2. Alonso's goal, which came on the Kicks' math shootout attempt, gave Minnesota a 2-1 edge in the longest shootout in Kick's history. Seattle's Steve Daley scored the first shootout goal on the Sounders' second attempt. Then Minnesota's Stewart Jump tied it 1-1 on the Kicks' third attempt.

Kicks goalkeeper Tino Lettieri was in goal for the first eight Sounder sbootout attempts. but was injured stopping Jeff Stock's try and forced to leave the game. Substitute goalie Randy Phillips came on to make the final save for Minnesota.

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Daley, who scored both Seattle goals in regulation time, forced the overtime and eventual shootout when he drilled a 22-yard shot past Lettieri for a 2-2 tie at 62:10.

Minnesota's ace Soelengoe bad given the Kicks a 2-1 advantage with a header at 57:04. The Kicks too a 1-0 lead at 10:04 of the first half when David Stride scored an unassisted goal, his second of the season. Seattle countered at 3:08 for a 1-1 first-half tie as Daley connected from just inside the goalkeeper's Zone.

The Vancouver Whitecaps, getting plenty of mileage from speedy. Ian Beardslex and Alan Taylor, defeated the Portland Timbers 2-0.

JOYFUL: Liverpool'a Phil Thompson, on the shoulders of a teammate, holds aloft the European Cup after his side beat Real Madrid 1-0 in the final Wednesday.

and Camacho almost grabbed an early souvenir when be ripped David Johnson's shirt in n tackle. Terry McDermott nearly sur-rendered more than his shirt to Angel when he was stopped in his tracks by a challenge at neck height. in front of goal. Agustin could barely have seen the ball as it shaved the crossbar, Liver-pool forced three quick corners during this spell of pressure and from the last of these Dalglish almost broke the deadlock.

Fellow-Scot Alan Hansen headed down and Dalglish sent his marker Garcia Cortes the wrong way with a checky feint before bringing a fine save from Agustin with a well-struck shot.

Real, too, bad their chances. They should have gone ahead in the 50th minute when Garcia Navajas enught the Liverpool defense flat-footed with a glorious through ball to Camacho. The young mldfielder, with only goalkeeper Ray Clemence to beat, hnd time and space to run in oo goal. But be opted instead for a flamboyant 25-meter lob which sailed agonisingly over the bar.

ANOTHER MILESTONE: Bill Shoemaker, the jockey who has the distinction of bagging the maximum winners in the history of throughbred racing, stretches his mount War Allied, as be crosses the finish line in the first race at Hollywood Park Wednesday. The truimph beiped Shoemaker-hit the 5,000-winner mark

of century **Roger Knight falls** four short

LONDON, May 2g (AP) - Rain again hit English County Cricket Wednesday, wiping out four games, including the Australians against Glamorgan at Swansea, and seriously affecting play in others.

Despite the bad weather on the first day of another round, Surrey skipper Roger Knight steered bis side to an impressive 300 for six declared against Essex at Chelmosford, when Essex mistired by putting their opponents in. Knight's 96 included four sixes and seven fours before he was bowled by Norbert Pillip

from Dominica. Surrey openers Alan Butcher and Grahame Clinton shared an opening stand of 120, then Grahnm Gooch took three wickets in eight deliveries without conceding a run. Gooch finished with three for 47 but could not halt Knight's attack.

Talented England batsman David Gower maintained form for Leicestershire with an unbeaten 69 against Hampshire at Leicestershire and Brian Davison, who had 10 fours in bis 52 not out, hit up 98 together. Leicestershire scored 155 for two before rain drove the

players in. South African Allan Lamb hit 51 at Northampton, where the home side recovered from a shaky start against Derbyshire, losing both

openers for J1 runs. Other scores: At Dartford: Kent 53-J vs Yorkshire. At Cambridge: Nottinghamsbire 127-3 vs Middlesex, At Bristol: Gloucestershire vs Sussex, no play — rain. At Worces-ter: Worcestershire vs Lancashire, no play rain. At Oxford: Oxford University vs Warwickshire, oo play -- rain.

WATCHFUL EYE: Abdul Halim Ballout together with Benny Slaudes, area perfect, keep a watchful eye as Ramananda Shetty tests the water of the swimming pool (right): Halim instructing an enthusiast on the finer points of the Cyclette in the gym.

An hour at the health ceoter a day will help keep the doctor away, should be the thought for the day, he concluded.

Czechs net half dozen

BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia, May 28 (R) - Czechoslovakia boosted 1 their pros-pects of making it to the world Cup Soccer finals in Spain when they crushed Iceland 6-1 in a Group Three qualitying match hore Wed-nosday night.

The victory took Czechoslovakia to the second berth in the Group with six points from four games. The leaders Walcs have won all their four matches so far.

Iceland did well to keep the Czechs in check till the 36th minute. But then Vizek scored and six minutes Inter Panenca, the midfielder, who plays in Austria, added a second from a penalty.

In the last quarter, Czechoslovaks .. were nll ovor the Iceland goal and with minutes left, Nehodn blasted bome for their third goal. Janecka, who came in for the injured Nehoda and Kozak scored in quick succession is to put them further ahead before Janecka struck again to complete the tally.

Iceland reduced the margin in the 53rd minute through Bergs, who plays for Borus-sia Dortmund in West Germany, when he headed home following a flag-kick.

Meanwhile, France's Chateauroux football team has decided to take part in the South Korean President's Cup tournament starting on June 13 for two weeks, along with 11 other countries, the Korean Football Association in Seoul announced Thursday.

The participating teams are divided into two groups, with two teams from each group advancing to the finals. Argentine pro team, Racing de Bordoba, French Chateauroux, West Germany's Saarbrucken, and national teams from Japan, Malaysia and host South Korea make up to Group 'A', while Brazil's Vitoria Club, Winterthur Club of Swiss, Uruguay's Danubio, and national teams from Indonesia, Malta, Thailand are bunched in Group 'B'.

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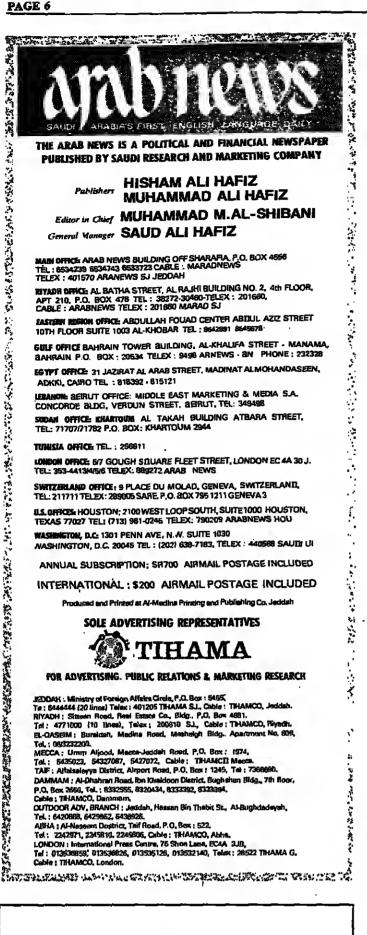
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Reagan's proposal to trim social security benefits stirs row

By David S, Broder

WASHINGTON-U.S. President Ronald Reagan plunged into a new political battle, potentially more divisive than the budget and tax fights, with his proposals recently to trim future social security benefits and impose stiff financial penalties for early retirement. Reagan did what no previous American president has ever dared do - be urged Congress to take a major slice from the most cherished and widely supported benefits program on the books.

While the plan was carefully crafted to pressure retirement benefits for those now in the system, allow them to increase their outside earnings without penalty and hold out the promise of future payroll tax relief for younger workers, it stirred immediate controversy. Chairman Claude Pepper, D-Fla., of the House Select Committee on Aging described the plan as "nothing more than a wbolesale assault on the economic security of America's elderly population," and two major organizations of retires chimed in on cue with their denunciations. The general reaction in Congress was more moderate, with Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, calling Reagan's proposal "a sincere package" that could provide the basis for "a bipartisan approach" to the financing problems facing the Social Security Trust Fund. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole, R-Kan., said the plan would "meet important objective" being sought in other ways by members of his committee. But even those who conceded that some reductions in the nation's oldest and most popular income-support system were made inevitable by inflation, lagging economic growth and a sharp rise in the number of retired persons said the unexpected sharpness of Reagan's proposed cutbacks guaranteed a lengthy and bitter political debate. Many veterans on. Capitol Hill said they never expected to see the day when a president would risk his political popularity on the social security issue to the extent that Reagan has done. The sacred character of the social security system and the political power of its millions of beneficiaries have made politicians - including Reagan - shy away from tampering with it. During the campaign, Reagan repeatedly denied Democranc charges that he favored making social security "voluntary" and instead vowed - in a speech last October that was typical of his utterances - to defend the integrity of the social security system and make sure benefits are adjusted to reflect the cost of living."

"the social safety net" would continue to protect "the full retirement benefits of the more than 31 million social security recipients ... along with an annual cost-of-living increase."

In weighing the alternatives he was given for averting the threatened exhaustion of the Social Security Trust Fund, Reagan - according to White House aides - insisted that the specific terms of his earlier pledges be honored. For that reason, the White House rejected a Senate Finance Committee proposal to trim \$8 billion by making a minor adjustment in the system's cost-of-living formula. As a result of Reagan's insistence, the existing retirement age, benefits package and cost-of-living adjustment were protected - for those now drawing retirement pay. "The sole impact today's proposals would have on the ... beneficiaries now on the rolls would be a three-month delay in the automatic cost-of-living increase scheduled for July 1982" Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker said. But critics complained that Reagan had honored his campaign pledge only at the price of unnecessarily severe restrictions on disability benefits for almost three million people and sbarp reductions in the share of their retirement income that today's workers can expect to receive from social security. There were accusations that the cuts went far beyond what was necessary to meet the immediate trust-fund problem and were engineered to help balance the hudget while cutting taxes and boosting defense spending.

"They've gone overboard," said Laurie Fiori, lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons. "It's overkill."

Robert Xall, a former social security commissioner who now is a leader of a coalition of 70 organizations seeking to preserve the system's benefits, said the contention that "they're taking advantage of a temporary financing problem to make permanent reductions" in benefits and beneficiaries will be a major issue in the coming debate.

It was evident that the administration had walked a political tightrope in fashioning its proposal. Reitrees constitute a powerful and fast-growing political bloc, not only because of their raw numbers but because of their heavy voting percentage. The census bureau reported that seven ont of every 10 people between ages 65 and 74 said they voted in 1980 — twice the rate of the youngest

But those now nearing retirement age - a sizable bloc who also vote in large numbers - would fare less well. If they retired at 62, as more and more people are opting to do, they would receive 55 percent of their computed henefits, instead of the current 80 percent, and their spouses' benefits would be reduced proportionately.

The plan also attempts to strike a political bar gain appealing to young people, particularly to the hig "baby-boom" age cohort now between 25 and 35 and poised to move into the electorate in massive numbers. For years, political observers have been predicting that an intergenerational conflict will accompany the aging of the population. In the next 50 years, the ratio of workers to retirees will decline from the current 3 to 1 to 2 to 1.

The advance warning signs of the impact of that

which started with the Camp David meeting and the agreements that resulted from it. Although a new president has now moved into the White House, the United States is still pressing the same line. On the other hand, it is also quite well known that the so-called "European initiative" is nothing more than a complement to this approach. Its proponents have certainly daimed no more for it, and the terms they have been debating amply bear this up.

It is useful to remember that America did not always have the field to itself in this way. Long after the 1967 war, the Soviet Union played a co-equal role in the search for a settlement. The talk then revolved around a possible international conference in Geneva, and who should attend and who should not, sponsored by the two superpowers.

All this looks like history now. But not to the Soviet leadership, which has from time to time, reiterated its view that an international conference is the only way toward a solution. and that the American effort will sooner or later prove insufficient.

The most recent and forceful of such reiterations was made by President Brezhnev, who used the occasion of King Hussein's visit to Moscow to complain that his constant calls for an international conference on Palestine, Lebanon and the Gulf, have in the main gone unheeded by the Arabs.

Brezhnev's statement brings to mind the fact that to an extent, Moscow has engineered its own exclusion from the affairs of the Middle East. Several Arab leaders have learned by experience of Moscow's high handedness and inconstancy, and it is this which reduced the number of Moscow's friends in the area and led to its present distance from the peace-making efforts.

Last February, when he presented his economic plan to Congress and the country, Reagan said that vote. A Gallup poll found that Reagan got his biggest share of the vote among those closest to his own age bracket.

Those now on the rolls would have their henefits maintained and indexed as before - except for the three-month delay - and would have the current limit on outside earnings phased out over the next three years. Although that last provision is sometimes called "the doctor's and dentists' plank," since two-thirds of its benefits are estimated to go to those making more than \$17,000 a year, it was. another of Reagan's campaign promises and was welcomed by Pepper and the retirees' groups.

increase in social security payroll taxes. In the past 10 years alone, the tax rate for employee and employer has gone up 25 percent on an expanded wage base. To ease this tax burden, by 1987 the Reagan plan would reduce the average monthly payment for a 65-year-old retirce by \$27 and for a 62-yearold retiree by \$232. According to Schweiker, that and other Reagan cutbacks would allow the average young person just entering the workforce to pay \$33,600 less in social security taxes over a working lifetime than would otherwise be the case.

Those thousands of dollars could be used to buy additional private retirement benefits. (WP)

Western aid essential for Poland's recovery

By Mark Frankland

WARSAW ---Poland's economic recovery depends on new loans from the West in the opinion of both Polish and Western experts in Warsaw. The Polish government has blamed a good measure of this year's poor economic performance on labor problems: production of coal, the main hard currency export, has sunk back to the level of six years ago. Foreign businessmen visiting factories round the country have reported signs of slackness, with production lines often running at less than full speed.

But there is another very important, and some would say more important, explanation. Polish industry and agriculture depend heavily on the West for imports of raw and semi-finished materials. If Poland does not get them, a Western diplomat explained. "the lack of imports leads to reduced production, which leads to less bard currency exports, which in turn obliges Poland to import still less." This is not a vicious circle: it is a

vicious downward spiral. The West supplies many of the materials used by the chemical industry that has been built up here in the last 10 years. Poland has also been importing some three million tons of oil yearly, on top of deliveries from the Soviet Union. And Polisb agriculture has become dependent on large supplies

of Western feed grain. Andrzei Wielowicyski, a leading member of Solidarity's distinguished team of experts, calculates that seven days' work for evey worker was lost in the first three months of the year because of break in production caused by lack of materials. Vital industries bave been dramatically affected. Production of pharmaceuticals, very dependent on Westera imports, will be cut by balf and the production of over 100 items, some of them basic, will be stopped altogether. It has just been announced that deliveries of concentrated animal feed to both state and private farms are to be reduced by some 40 per cent.

Western governments have now agreed on the

rescheduling of 90 percent of Poland's debt for this year and foreign banks are expected to do likewise. A Western diplomat pointed out that when Third World countries are forced to reschedule their debts, they are also usually given aid at the same time.

The West can scarcely give aid to Poland, a member of the Soviet bloc, but it can make new loans and indeed it seems it had no choice but to do so. But Poles understand that there will be voices raised in the West against lending more money to a country that seems more interested in politicking than working. They accept that some of the criticism is just but they also plead for understanding. Wielowieyski uses the example of Silesia, where Poland's excellent hard coal is mined. He admits that if coal production could be increased by as little as 10 million tons a year (production this year should be over 170 million tons) the economic outlook would be much better. But be explains it is not realistic to expect this of the miners unless more are recruited.

In the 1970s miners were often working every other Sunday, supposedly voluntarily but in fact under considerable pressure to do so. "People in Silesia have had enough", be says. "It's impossible to force them to work, and they are furious if you offer to pay them three or four times more than other workers to get them to do so."

Two weeks ago the government reluctantly agreed, under pressure from Solidarity, to drop the so-called mobilization fund scheme, under which miners were tempted to work extra days by offers of meat and other scarce products.

This may seem perverse of the miners, Wielowieyski agrees, but it is explained by the strongly egalitarian and determinedly workingclass atmosphere of Silesia. The miners object to being turned into a privileged working aristocracy while there are some three to six million poor people in Poland. The government would be ready to pay them as much for one day's work on Saturday as an old age pensioner gets in a month, but the miners have decided that this sort of system is wrong.

The egalitatian strain is very strong throughout Solidarity. So is the demand, which crystallized last summer, for an economic and social system that is properly Polish. "Perhaps the Germans can work well under a system they don't accept," an economist and party member said, "but the Poles have to have a system that reflects their national character. Until then we won't be efficient."

The state of the Polish economy, let alone the telling symptoms of discontent (like the appallingly high rate of alcoholism), suggest he is right. But Poles are waiting anxiously to see if Western govemments and banks understand the argument they are trying to make.-(ONS)

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Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers gave lead highlight to a press conference by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, in Abu Dhabi Tuesday. Sbeikh Zayed reaffirmed that the Arab states of the Gulf are capable of defending themselves and the Gulf Cooperation Council is a significant step toward boosting cooperation among the member states.

Newspapers frontpaged Saudi Arabia's decision to give nearly SR82 million to Lebanon for the development of the country. They also gave frontpage highlight to U.S. President Reagan's decision to recall his Middle East emissary Philip Habib for 'consultations."

The visit of King Hussein of Jordan to the Soviet Union and his welcome for an international conference on the Middle East was reported prominently on page one in the newspapers which also reported the arrival of Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta in Riyadh for talks on economic, cultural and technical cooperation between Morocco and Saudi Arabia.

In a prominent page one story, Al Jazirah said that Saudi Arabia has succeeded in convincing the OPEC states to freeze oil prices with a view to helping stabilize the world economy. Al Bilad gave front-page highlight to a cable by French President François Mitterrand, in which he told PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that he was bopeful for the real-

ization of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Newspaper editorials still continued to comment on the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and its significance in the life of the peoples of the Region.

Al Medina said in an editorial that a united approach by the GCC states to international issues will foster wisdom and justice. The paper said with a sense of pride and satisfaction that the states of the region do not lack any protection now that the GCC has come into existence to look after the interest of the region and its people. The "vacuum" about which the major powers always spoke is no longer in existence after the formation of the council, and the elimination of this vacuum is the first fruit of the GCC, the paper added.

Al Jacirak said that, with the conclusion of the first summit conference, a new stage of joint Gulf action starts putting the potentialities and capabilities of the Gulf people to a real test. The people of the Gulf will, therefore, be responsible for every positive and negative result on the road to regional unity, the paper said. It further hoped that the experiment of cooperation would be crowned with success, giving a correct and congenial atmosphere for joint work by the member states. ' The paper added that the Arab world in particular, and the rest of the world in general, will watch this

experiment, as .: it has taken shape amidst those extremely complicated circumstances which have bedevilled the world at present.

Al Bilad said that the Gulf region has embarked on a new era after the formation of the GCC which will look after the varied interests of the region and its peoples. The paper recalled that the major powers will not cease having high ambitions on the region; therefore, the peoples of the region will be called upon to preserve their achievement and support the role of their leaders in aiding the region's development and striving for the stability, peace and welfare of the region and its peoples.

Dealing with the same subject, Okaz said that the GCC states have expressed their full commitment to the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) as well as to the issues of the Third world and the world in general. With a view to maintaining international stability and balance, the GCC states refused to enter into the strategies of the major powers because their keenness to keep the region aloof from international stife and tension, the paper said. The paper expressed appreciation of the welcome of sincere circles for the formation of the GCCata time when the powerful try to suppress the weak in the world. After the formation of the Council, a new chapter starts in the life of the region with every component of cooperation in the best interest of the region and its people.

Radiologist to official: "You've severe 'work pressure'," Al Bilad

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Absolute equality

by ADIL SALAHI

Last week we discussed how every individual human being is brought to account on the Day of Judgment and then rewarded according to his or her record in his or her life on earth. We established that from the Islamic viewpoint each individual is answerable to Allah for his deeds. None can escape the reckoning and none can lay the blame on anybody else. All are brought together on equal footing and judged by the same standard.

A question may be raised here about the sort of questioning that takes place on the Day of Judgment. The Qur'an always stresses two main qualities which have to be fulfilled by any human being in order to be good. These are: faith in Allah and good actions. In other words to believe m the Divine ideology, i.e., the religion based on the unity of Allah and to translate this faith into action, or rather, to live it in practice.

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These are the two main qualities. Neither is sufficient on its own. They bave to go band in hand. Faith on its own remains an abstract, passive quality unless it becomes a dynamic, driving force which imposes its color over all life activities. Similarly, good deeds remain, from the Islamic point of view, spiritless and unless they seek the pleasure of Allah.

On the Day of Judgment, the criteria of faith and good actions are applied in order to give every individual his or ber just reward. All buman beings are equally required to believe in Allah and to live up to the standards of goodness set by Islam. These standards are the same as those set by the earlier Prophets from Adam to Jesus. They have only been purified, confirmed and perfected by the message of Prophet Muhammad.

Since all people are equally charged with these obligations, it follows that they all are equally endowed with the ability to fulfill these obligations; otherwise, justice can not be achieved. As Muslims, we cannot conceive that Allah may entertain any thought of the slightest injustice to anyone. Total and absolute justice is one of His essential attributes. Hence, we state with all the necessary emphasis that all human beings regardless of their standard of education, civilization or sophistication are equally susceptible to helieve in Allah, the Creator of the universe. They are equally endowed with the spiritual qualities which lead to accepting the faith, as an ideology and a code of conduct which they would implement in life to achieve bappiness in both this world and the world to come.

This is not to say that people with a high degree of intelligence, education or common sense cannot achieve a better perception of faith or a higher standard of sublimity through faith. What I m trying to emphasize is that all people are equal in their receptiveness to faith and their willingness to implement it. Having accepted the faith in Allah, each is judged according to how be or she implements it in bis or ber life.

This obviously needs a more eleborate discussion which our allowed space cannot accommodate. I will bave to leave it until next week.

What the Qur'an teaches Mission transferred

Thus we have made you a middle nation that ye might be witnesses for mankind (even as) the Messenger is himself a witness for you. And We only appointed the Qibla you formerly observed so that we could distinguish those of you who follow the Messenger from those who turn on their heels. And it was a grave matter (for all) except those guided by Allah. Allah would not suffer your (expenditure of) faith to be wasted, for Allah is Kind, Merciful, where people are concerned.

We have seen the turning of your face toward the heavens (searching for guidance, O Muhammad), and now We will cause you to turn toward a Qibla which shall please you. So turn your face toward the Sacred Mosque, and you (O Muslims), wheresoever you may be, direct your faces toward it. Those who (for merly) received the Scripture know well that it is the Truth from their Lord, and Allah is not unheeding of what they do. (The Cow 2; 143 - 4)

The passage selected for this week looks at the moment foreseen in the Sacrifice, when the time came for the prophetief unction to be transferred from the younger branch of Abraham's family, from the Jews to the Arabs.

This transition was dramatized in the change of *Qibla* from Jerusalem to Makkah.

Up till that moment, year 2 of the Hijra, Muslims had prayed toward Jerusalem. But now the direction of prayer is to be changed from the temple built by Solomon to a much more ancient site, more intimately connected with the Abrahamie tradition, the Ka'ba built by Adam but rebuilt by Abraham with Ismael's belp. The mosque where this dramatic break with the past took place, known as Masjid al-Qiblatain, or the Mosque of the two

the task of spreading it *tabligh* far and wide. This is in consequence of their privileged geographical situation; at the point of intersection of three continents. The Middle East is of course the geographical as well as the historical center of the world, and the Arabs were therefore strategically situated to spread the new faith to the four corners of the earth. Now we can see why it was so important that Abraham's seed should be spared in

The life of the Prophet-8 Secret propagation

Having established the first "family" of Muslims, Muhammad, to whom we shall now refer as "the Propbet" went about his task of preaching his message as commanded by Allah. His instructions were that, for the time being, be should not declare his new role publicly. Rather, he should stick to secrecy, approaching only those close to him and those whom he expects to respond favorably. This method was adopted in order to allow the new call of Islam to gain some ground before it is met with the expected opposition.

This method of discreet propagation of the message that Allah is one was to last three years, during which the new call secured the allegiance of a number of people who were

the person of Ismael. As progenilor of the Arabs, it was reserved for his seed to become the vehicle wherehy Allah's final revelation could be bruited to the ends of the earth. According to this plan the Prophel stands in the same relacion to the Arabs as they do 10 the other nations occupying this planet: be is a witness for them even as they, the Arabs, are witnesses for all mankind.

The related notion of finality (in revelation) is something that, Allah willing, we shall explore next week.

Dr. Yakub Zaki

later to rank among its greatest advocates. It should be pointed out, however, that total secrecy in these matters cannot he maintained, particularly in a society such as that of Makkah where tribal loyalties are paramount. It is needless to say the favorable response was not universal among those

approached by the Prophet. Some, indeed, responded with hostility or derision. Some felt it their duty to expose the Prophet's secret, as it represented in their view an imminent threat to their society and its values.

Thus, Makkah learnt gradually that a number of its people are grouping together in revolt against the established system of idol worship. A few notables and tribal chiefs viewed the matter with grave concern. Others preferred not to anticipate events. As long as the new group kept 10 themselves, they argued, they cannot pose a serious threat to their society. But the hardliners were to prevail as we shall see.

One thing that should be pointed out about this period of discreet propagation of Islam is that the early Muslims realized that everyone of them should work hard in communicating the message of Islam to other people. Abu Bakr's efforts in this recard are noteworthy.

In the first few days after he embraced Islam he won 10 the new call at least nine people of high calibre. His example has always been followed by Muslims who acquire a good awareness of the nature of the religion of Islam. To advocate Islam and to propagate it is, to a Muslim, an important duty.

This concept imparts a special characterisoc to Islam. In Islam we have no formal missionary work. The correlative to this is that every Muslim participates actively in the propagation of Islam and conveying its message to mankind.

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A journey to the holy city of Medina Munawwara

By Multaturated Alechal Quiyom Kizvon

In former times, it was known as Yathrib. Then its name changed. In fact, it became so famous and pre-eminent at once, that it bad no need of a name. For fourteen centuries, all over the world, when the city ("Madimah") was mentioned, people would know instantly that the city was the second most sacred in the world of Islam and it was the resting place of Syedina Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allah be on him!).

In a glowing tribute to this city, Europe's most famous newsman. Leopold Weiss (of Jewish parentage, who embraced Islam after years of first had study of Arab Muslims and is now known as the venerable Mohammed Asad). writes in his book a road to makkah.

"For more than thirteen hundred years, so much love has converged here that all shapes and movements bave acquired a kind of family resemblance, and all differences of appearance find a tonal transition into a common harmony.... This unifying har-mony... an indiscribable emotional link with its great spiritual past has remained alive. Never has any city been so loved for the sake of one single personality; never has any man. dead for over thirteen hundred years, has been loved so personally, and by so many, as he who lies buried beneath the greatgreen In loyalty to his tradioons, the Islamic Kingdom of Saudi Arabia bas introduced faolioes for the benefit of the people whose grandeur has to be seen and experienced 10 be believed. One such, the airconditioned luxurious SAPTCO buses, have made it feasible for one in the Kingdom to visit the Radiant City during the weekend and be back at his desk Saturday morning with no sign of tatigue

lights of the Radiant City and the marked twin towers of the Great Mosque. Everyone had woken up and lips were on move, chanting hlessings and salutations on the Great Personage who had brought us knowledge of our Creator and taught us everything we need to know about life and religion and the life to come. Among the countless words of homage and adoration addressed to him, one poem stated in classic brevity, "After God. you are the most worthy of respect and love!" All that a Muslim needs to know and remember and carry with him to the grave are the glorious names of Allah, Mubammad (Sal), and Islami

Madinah is today one of the cleanest cities in the Kingdom and the welcome arches erected for the Monarch were still in place. We got down on the Airport Road and performed Wudbu (washing up for prayers) at the well maintained wash rooms at the junction of the Airport Road and the marble paved promenade leading the Holy Haram. There was a grateful chorus of "Alhamdulillahl" (Praise be to Allah) as the uniquely melodious adh'an (call to prayer) for The Thahajjud (late night prayers) wafted from the amplifiers. The adh'an of the Madinah muezzins has a special appeal to zaayireen and it is believed they are from the lineage of Syedina Bilal (the freed slave, a black man, heavable to of his master as he embraced Islam against the latter's wish, and who became one of the Prophet's closest companions and remains an bonored and beloved name in the history of Islam).

After salaat, while most people go on to make salutations to the Holy Prophet (Sal), many in the Riyadhul Jannath remain seated and recite the Holy Quran. Hundreds of volumes of this great book are arranged neatly in aluminium-lined book-cases and there is no dearth of volunteers to band the volumes around and take them back and re-arrange them after recitation by the assembly. This morning, it is a person from my own country. He has remained at this post the greater part of two hours just rendering this service.

The Great Mosque was a modest house of worship when it was built in the first year of Islam. It had a roof made of palm fronds and the floor was unpaved. When it rained, there was not much protection and the Holy Prophet's hrow would have caked mud still on his shining brow when he raised his head after sajdah. And by the side of the Mehrab (the niche) where the Propbet used to stand and lead the prayers, there was a dried paim trunk on which he would lean as be spoke to the assemblies of Momineen. A nohlewoman of Madinah offered to have her slave make a wooden pulpit for him and this was accordingly made and the Prophet used it for his next sermon. It is recorded with unimpeachable evidence that the date palm was heard to sob and cry like a disappointed buman being as it felt neglected. The Propbet came down and placed bis hand in compassion over it and

the end, there was not the slighest tinge of royal pomp or show or hauteur of the high and mighty in him. Like an ordinary man, he would sit and walk with people and share their joys and sorrows... In the struggles and endeavors of his whole life he did not seek any reward or profit for his own person, nor left any property for his heirs. He dedicated his all to his Millat.

"Through Muhammad alone can we know the straight path of Islam. The Quran and the life-example of Muhammad (may peace be on him) are the only reliable sources that are available to mankind to learn Allah's Will in its totality. He was the last of the prophets and all the instructions which it was Allah's will to impart to mankind through direct revelation, were sent by Him through Muhammad (may peace be on him) and are ensirtined in the Quran and the Sunnah. Now, whoever, be a seeker after truth and be anxious to become an honest Muslim, a sincere follower of the way of Allah, it is incumbent upon him to have faith in Allah's last propbet, accept his teachings and follow the way he has pointed to man. This is the real road to success and salvation."

Allah chose Arabia to be the bomeland of His last and Final Prophet. And in the greatest miracle of history, Muhammad (Sal) convinced the numberless and warring tribes of Arahia to give up the pagan rites and beliefs they bad inberited from their forefathers and to accept the one true religion which Allah bad revealed to the prophets who bad preceded him. Abraham, Moses, Jacob and Christ, and which was now perfected and revealed to markind in the eternally unalterable and glorious Holy Quran. Alone and unarmed, he proved by his magnificent precept what a exalted and radiant being a Muslim is and be won them over by his unques-

tionable honesty, integrity, truthfulness and sincerity. In any other country, in any different set of circumstances and in any kind of challenges and dangers, he would certainly have achieved similar or even more spectacular results. For he was a divinely ordained personality. Of all earlier prophets, only Moses had spoken with Allah. But in the mircale of Meiraaj, Muhammad (peace be on bim) was admitted to the Divine Presence of Allah and the distance between the Creator of All Universe and His Rasool was "of two bows" and the Holy Quran is proof that he was the beloved of Allah. And he has guaranteed us salvation if we do not rebel against Allah,

After the Jumaa and sunnath and nafil prayers, I recited the Holy Quran for a while. And as the assembly of zaayireen thinned somewhat. I too joined the group standing (Continued on back page)



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• Thursday night, 1 joined the international queue at the Corniche terminal a little after 8 P.M. Saudis, Egyptians, Pakistanis, Indians, Somalis, Sudanese, Mauritanians, Turks, almost every Muslim nadonality was represented. And special buses had been pressed into service to meet the rush of zaayireen (pilgrims seeking the audience).

We were directed to a double decker, the de luxe one and promptly I plumped for one of the front seats on top. As the bus glided through Hail Street, past Hamrah Palace, and on to Madinah Road, we had an enthralling view of the bejewelled beauty of Jeddah by night. Like stringed pearls, the lights gleamed along the sea front and the modern avenues and over flyovers. Villas and tall office buildings and showrooms had risen in record time and the barren desert of just 4 years before was nowhere in sight.

En route we saw the row of lights of a new port which bad been built with remarkable speed — Quadimah. The New Madinah Expressway would start from here and this could be a teeming city within the next years!

On to Raghib, fishing port and now the locale of a great new refinery! Saudi Arabia is on the march, a modern industrial power is taking shape on a firm foundation of Islamic tradition. Unlike in Western countries, the machine here is planned not to enslave man but to improve his life style and give him the wherewithal to compete with the advanced countries without losing his own advanced status in spiritual living and harmony in family relations and social integration.

A refuelling stop in Badar — the historic battle front which marked the triumph of Islam. It was a war forced on the Muslims. Outnumbered and outweaponed, they had fought under the Prophet's leadership and eamed eternal glory for their valor and dedication to Islam. An entire family, a father, mother and their two young sons, had saclificed their lives in protecting and shielding their leader from the enemies' arrows and spears enshrining for their family a niche of glory in the annals of martyrdom!

We had a satisfying dinner, even at the late hour, of fried rice and meat. Fine fruit, apples, oranges, bananas and pears were in plenty. But the best feature was the "Barraad Shaaye" — hot, steaming pot of tea with twin cups, which regaled you as you sat in comfort on the high backed rope woven benches or stretched yourself on during the half-bour stop.

Passing Bir 'Ali, the suburb of Madinah, where the Prophet had donned lhraam on his first and only Haj journey, we could see the

We entered the Great Mosque and we made a bee-line for its sanctum sanctora --the Riyaadhul Jannath. The Prophet had remarked that the area between the Mimbar (Pulpit) of the Mosque and bis dwelling (Saiyida Ayisha's one-room house, in which the Messenger of Allah breathed his last and which is now his resting place) are the flower plots of the Garden of Paradise. There is always a 150% occupancy bere (and even more) at all hours. Pilgrims and even residents cherish the opportunity to find a place among the rows of worshippers who face the Makkathul Mukarramah's Holy Kaaba for prayer and for recitation of the Holy Quran at other times.

During the Haj season, it is virtually impossible to find a place here. People asemble and it is fully occupied even 3 full hours before each prayer and they seldom vacate their places and go on from prayer to the next prayer, sitting in complete silence and reading the Holy Book or in reciting the names of Allah and making duaayen. The Turks especially are foremost in this quest and the space between the worshippers lined up for the Fardh (the five obligatory prayers of the day) gets progressively reduced.

At this time of the year, it is comparatively easy and I find a place right away and start my prayers. But first of all, I have quietly turned lowards the tomh and softly made my respectful salutations and conveyed also those from my family. It is bard to keep back one's tears. But the time is for prayer and I make the best use of it. Every rakeath performed here is recorded for a reward 5,000 omes more bountiful than made elsewhere (hut the Grand Mosque in Makkathui Mukarramah is still more sacred and the reward there is 100,000 times more, according to the Prophet's sayings).

The first prayer of the day (the Faj'r) follow closely on Thahajjud (which are optional prayers, but yet held in the high esteem as the Prophet regularly performed them. Saiyida Ayisha is on record as saying that in their small dwelling, whenever she woke up from sleep late in the nights, she would find the Prophet standing up for prayer or making sajdaa in the narrow space he could find from the place left for his most beloved wife to sleep in and toss about in her innocence).

Early in the morning, braving the cold and frost, the venerable Imam was there to lead us. My thoughts go back to a travelogue written by a compatriot four years ago. The religious scholar from India reminisced about his earliest visits to Madinah and said that the Imam had been leading prayers in the Great Mosque for 27 years and his love and devotion to the Propbet was such that the zeal and intensity of faith which marked his Imamate had never waned with advancing age. And the period of service now was over 31 years! only then did its sobbing cease.

In this center of Islam, as the Muslim presents himself, he has the dictate of the Holy Quran imprinted on his heart that utmost decorum is expected of him and anyone exceeding the limits will lose his lifetime record of good deeds even without his knowing it. As such the examples of bumane behavior and deference and mutual barmony and cooperation found among the zaayireen bere, are unsurpassed anywhere.

To cite an instance, the Iqamah (call to line up for prayer) for Jumaa was broadcast and we stood up with a sense of fulfilment that the bours of waiting for this supreme moment were now well rewarded. The Riyadhul Jannath was full and packed. A very fat person. who had turned up late and sat there reciting the Holy Quran, tried to position himself in any one row, but could not. A Saudi young man generously let him take his own place and walked past to join the rows far behind. But a Mauritanian scholor, in a white turban and flowing robes, held bun by the hand and positioned him in the place be had just vacated for him, and himself retreated to the rear rows with a smile of deep satisfaction on his face.

By my side, a pleasant Turk in his middle age had seated himself for over half an hour and when others remonstrated at the lack of space, his thin moustache and beard beamed into an apologetic smile and with forefinger raised skywards he had quietly silenced all objections. Now, as we stood up for salaat, we gallantly offered him a place, squeezing ourselves to the maximum to offer bin space. But be immediately harped back and hrough m an old man — his father or elder brother, may be — from the back rows, pushed him into the place offered him and himself vanished to the back rows!

In these symbolic ways, we were striving in our own humbly way to follow the exalted behavior of our Prophet whom Allah Himself has upbeld as the best of all buman beings ever created by Him. He was a divinely ordained personality. Yet he lived and died like any ordinary human being, dressed himself in ordinary and even coarse clothing, was content with the simplest fare and sometimes went without food even. The whole country had embraced Islam and he was the supreme and beloved ruler; yet be lived like a poor man, sleeping on a mat woven from palm leaves, living in a small mud-walled and thatched home, and spending whole nights in prayer. And he had proclaimed, "Anyone who dies in debt or leaves behind dependents who are in danger of becoming destitutes, they should come to me because I am their guardian"; and his pleading with Allah was that he might remain a destitute himself all his life, that he may associate with destitutes and on the day of judgment, he may be resurrected from among the destitutes.

The late Ahul Ala Mondudi, winner of the first of the King Faisal Foundation prizes, pays this homage to the Prophet. "He felt not the least shame in working like a laborer. To

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Scientists await Halley's comet

Space traveler to make 1986 visit

By Thomas O'toole

LOS ANGELES (WP) - Even now, some of the largest telescopes on earth are peering deep into the constellation Canis Minor for the first physical sign that Halley's comet is on its way.

So far not even the 200-inch telescope on the top of California's Mount Palomar has seen anything, which comes as no great surprise to astronomers. Still halfway between the outer planets Uranus and Saturn, out about 1.3 billion miles from earth and moving toward us at a speed of 20,000 miles an bour, Halley's comet is no brighter than a star of the 25th magnitude. The most celebrated comet in history is not even a pinpoint of light in the most powerful of earthly telescopes.

All that is soon to change. Early next year Halley's comet will be visible to telescopic observers for the first time on its current visit to our corner of the universe. By 1983 Halley will reach Saturn's orbit and in 1985 will have crossed Jupiter's orbit. Drawn even faster by the gravitational pull of the sun, the comet will circle the sun on Feb. 9, 1986, the 29th time it will be seen to do so since Chinese astronomers first recorded it 240 hears before Christ.

For the Millions who witness it, the passage of Halley's comet will be a spectacular sight. The comet will circle the sun at 140,000 miles an bour. Its head will grow to more than 100,000 miles in diameter, its tail will spread to more than 50 million miles in length. Lighted by the sun for four months on the way in and four months on the way out, Halley's appearance in 1986 will be seen by more people than any other celestial apparition in history.

Halley will be followed by hundreds of telescopes, thousands of rockets and balloons, at least three unmanned spacecraft and the astronauts on as many as fnur flights of the space shuttle. Thousands of amateur astronomers plan to photograph it.

As rewarding an experience as Halleywatching will be from any earthly vantage point, the reward will be greatest in the southern bemisphere, which will get the best view of the comet brilliantly lit by the sun in the night sky as it departs for the outer reaches of the solar system. Whatever your had wreaked such bavoc. They found no signs of a meteorite - no craters, no iron and nickel fragments scattered in the soil. Only tiny, almost hollow spheres, a cosmic dust that could not be explained by an exploding meteorite. "We were unable to discover traces of a

ground explosion that would correspond to the energy of the 1908 event," the leader of the Soviet expedition wrote in 1960. "We found no traces of a collision with a meteor-

Today scientists are covinced that the Tungus meteorite was a 100-meter-sized piece of the comet Encke that broke loose from its parent and exploded in the atmosphere over Siberia.

"There's been a lot of silliness about anti-matter, black boles and alien spacecraft identified with the Tungus event," JPL's Yeomans said. "The beauty of the comet explanation is that it's such a fragile object that it would explode above the earth and level all the trees but never leave a crater."

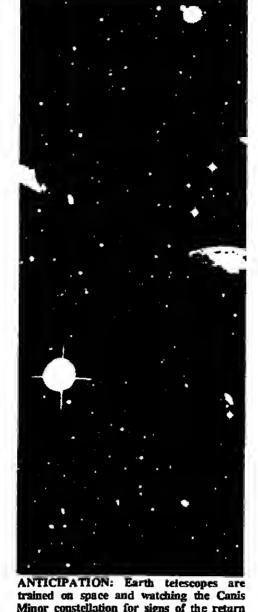
Comets are as old as the observable universe, but less has been known about these heavenly ghosts than anything else in the skies. The ancient Chinese made excellent observations of comets but put little thought into what they were and where they came from. The early Europeans gave cometry origins lots of thought but seldom backed it

up with observation. "Part of the problem was Aristotle," says JPL's Yeomans. "Aristotle said comets were terrestrial pbenomena, like rainbows. Nobody keeps records of rainbows."

All began to change in the 16th century, when the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe proved that comets were not like rainbows and were, in fact, above the moon. Isaac Newton took cometology a giant step forward when be showed that comets didn't follow straight lines, but parabolic paths with the sun at one focus. Then along came Halley with his prediction that the comet now bearing his name would circle the sun every 76

When Halley's comet made its last appearance in 1910, astronomers the world over observed it but failed to coordinate their efforts. Fewer than 20 percent of the 1910 observations were published, meaning that the records of many were lost forever,





Minor constellation for signs of the return vnyage of Halley's comet, due in 1986.

Laboratory, said recently in an interview, "We're running out of time, but this mission is still an option for the United States."

The way Murray 's minions bave devised it, a spacecraft the size of the 4,000-pound Voyager that flew by Jupiter and Saturn would be launched from the space shuttle in July 1985 on a curving path opposite Halley's that would intercept the comet during its closest approach to the sun.

On the way to the meeting, the spacecraft's superb camera would continually photograph the comet, tracking it through space as it nears the sun and begins to boil and bubble. Less than five miles across, the core of Hallev's comet is believed to be made of some porous stone packed with a primordial snow that throws off geysers, fumaroles, sprays and upside-down snowstorms when warmed by the sun.

With almost no gravity of its own, the tiny cometwilldart bere and there as it vents gas in almost every direction. The U.S. spacecraft would be the only one of the four to carry a navigating camera good enough to follow the comet's movements with the precision needed to intercept them,

Sinkholes gulp Florida property in latest drought

By Philip J. Hilts

WASHINGTON, (WP) \rightarrow — When Dominick Cipollone went out to his back yard in Altamonte Springs, Fla., last week to water hisgarden, he found that part of it - including tomatoes, grape vines, a pear tree, a 50-foot Oak and a chain-link fence - had silently vanished. Where his garden stood there is now a hole 50 feet wide and 40 feet deep.

Cipollone was forced to move out of bis home - complaining as be went of his lost tomatoes - because of the danger that the sinkhole in his yard would devour the bouse as well.

Sinkholes in Florida are the most dramatic result of a drought that is affecting parts of 42 states, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The eight states not affected are Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Mississippi, Oregon and Alaska.

Despite spring rains, half the 166 key index stations around the nation are reporting near-record lows in streams and underground water levels for April. In the plains states, wells and reservoirs began to run dry and crop and cattle losses were predicted.

Heavy rains are predicted for most nf the country during the next 30 days, however. A spokesman for the National Weather Service expressed bope that the rains will return conditions to near normal, although pockets of drought may persist.

More than four million residents of southero Florida, including those in the city of Miami, have been ordered to cut their water use by 25 percent, only a week after a voluntary cutback of 10 percent failed to stem the loss of ground water.

It is the second-worst drought in 60 years in the area and may soon be the worst. If there is no rain in the next few days, a 50 percent cutback in water use may be necessary, cutting off all water use except for necessifies, according to a spokesman for the south Florida water management district.

So far, the drought has created at least eight sinkholes ranging in size from 50 to 300 feet across and from 10 to 100 feet deep. The largest, at Winter Park in central Florida, pulled a house and several automobiles into its 300-foot maw last weekend. Damage from the collapse is estimated at \$2 million. The other seven plts are in the same region, and at least of two are slowly getting larger, though none approaches the size of the one at Winter Park.

Sinkholes appear during droughts because underground water bas dissolved the limestone rock supporting the earth, creating water-filled caverns. As long as the water level remains high, it supports the earth, but when the water table drops, the earth collapses into the underground



RUSSIAN CONNECTION: A patient is booked up to data collection instruments data an experiment in Moscow, U.S.S.R. The experiment is being carried out by a So Georgian scientist who some believe can cure people of illnesses by affecting the

In London's City International trade still thri est in trading banks and brokers exchange By Murray Seeger

LONDON, (LAT) - Within a single square mile of London, not far from the famous Tower Bridge, a man with the right kind of credit can negotiate a loan for millions, in any currency that he chooses. He can buy almost anything, charler a ship to move it and lease a factory to process it.

He could probably put together the same package of services in Frankfurt or Zurich or Hong Kong, but in the ancient financial and commercial district of London — The City, it is called — he can probably do it faster. For the City is unique.

"In no place else in the world do you get so many interests so close together," a spokesman for the City observed recently.

"It would be hard to find an important international deal that London doesn't have a slice of."

The city's special atmosphere is enhanced by its narrow streets and alleys with medieval names like Mincing Lane, Cheapside, Garlick Hill and Bulls Head Passage. In the center of the City are Mansion House, the Lord Mayor's residence, and the Bank of England, the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," nearing her 300th birthday. Tucked into coroers are salubrious old pubs like the George and Vulture and the Dandy Roll.

Perhaps the most remarkable element in London's pre-eminence as a trading center is its continuity: it goes back to when London was a Roman settlement, and it survived the

millions of pounds and dollars every minute with the aid of computers and video terminals, while traders still gather in traditional circles to make word-of-month deals scaled by their honor. In an economy suffering from the most

serious recession in Europe, the city is an island of relative prosperity. For the city's main business is international - more than New York's or Frankfurt's or Tokyo's - and it has been less damaged than other sectors of the British economy,

Every weekday about 340,000 people crowd into the city's old streets and alleys to work at banks, markets and offices. Bat on weekends, the streets are deserted and it is bard to find even the 7,000 permanent residents.

Trading took place in the same area under the Romans, but it was the Lombards - a Germanic people wbo settled in northern Italy - who brought banking to London, in

the 13th century. Operating from benches (Bancas) along the street later named for them, the Lombards were more sophisticated itsen the lewish money lenders who had previously financed the English kings and traders.

The Lombards also contributed a dreaded word to the financial community - bankrept, from "banca rotta," or broken beach, the punishment for a banker who violated the fraternity's self-enforced rules.

COSMOS: By 1983, Halley will reach Saturn's orbit (above) and in 1985 will have crossed Jupiter'a orbit. Drawn even faster by the gravitational pull of the sun, the comet will circle the sun on Feb. 9, 1986. The 29th time It will be seen to do so since 240 B.C.

viewpoint, however, you won't marvel at the wonderous scene that Halley-watchers saw in 1910, when the comet displayed itself broadside to the earth. This time the comet will pass behind the sun instead of in front of it.

This is one reason some people compare Halley's arrival in 1986 to Kohoutek in 1973, when a ballyhooed new curret never gave the performance it promised. So embarrassed were news editors that many hanned all mention of comets, thereby missing another new comet named West that split is to four different comets before the eyes of those who happen to be matching it in 1976 in splte of the editors' edit.

' 'The people who beat the drum for Kohoutek didn't know councts very well," said Raymond Newburn of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Passadena, Calif., where he is mounting a global Halley match. "Muny new comets have things in them like carbon monoxide that vaporize fur out from the sun and give us an appearance they don't sustain in close to the sun."

Even though it hasn't been seen since 1910, Halley is still the largest, brightest and best-known of the comets that make predictable periodic visits to the reaches of earth. Despite the Chinese sighting in 240 B.C., Halley's comet got its name from 18thcentury British astronomer Edmund Halley, who observed that the comets that appeared in 1531, 1607 and 1682 behaved the same way and must have been the same comet returning at 76-year intervals.

"Halley predicted it would returo again in 1758, and it did," said the JPL's Donald Yeomans, a Halley historian. "He was the first scientist to correctly figure that comets travel in predictable parabolic orbits around the sun."

Historically, Halley has a prominence few comets can claim. The comet appeared in 66 A.D. just before the destruction of Jerusalem, and in 1066 at the battle of Hasings, celebrated in cloth in the 271-foot-long Bayeux tapestry.

There is scientific evidence of at least one occasion when a comet actually may have caused bavocon earth. In 1908, in what is still one of the 20th century's most puzzling natural events, the fail of the so-called Tungus "meteorite" destroyed 700 miles of Siberian forest.

People for bundreds of miles around beard a noise like the rushing of a giant wind. When the wind had passed, a 70-mile strip of Khushma forest had been stripped of its trees. On either side of the denuded strip, trees still stood, but their crowns had been burned away and their branches bent down. Years later a team of Soviet scientists visited the forest to study the giant "meteorite" that

Larger telescopes and the space age brought new life to the study of comets. It's only in the last 20 years that comets were found to be made of a cosmic mix of exotic dust, lce and snow. Knowledge of cometary lngredients makes it clearer wby comets burn out from time to time and even disappear. Some comets have been seen to explode, and others to lose so much of their mass circling close to the

sun that they vanished. In all, more than 600 have been observed inside the solur system, most of them onetimers that appeur as infrequently as every 100,000 or even 1 million years and then drift far beyond the orbit of Pluto. There are about 100 "short-period" comets known, with appearances as frequent as the comet Encke's 3.3-year cycle. All began with longer periods but then were pulled out of their original orbits by the glant planet Jupiter.

"Once a comet gets into a short-period orbit, it doesn't last too long," JPL's Raymond Newburn says. "Every time it comes around the sun, a short-period comet loses enough dust, gas and debris that after maybe 1,000 trips it's all used up."

Newburn says the solar system must pull in a new comet every century to keep its comet inventory intact. All comets come from the so-called Oort cloud, an astral swirl of as many as 2 trillion comets 40 times as far from the sun as Pluto. The cloud is named for Jan Oort, the Dutch astronomer who discovered it,

'We don 't know if comets formed in the cloud or formed in the solar system and were kicked out to the cloud by the giant planets," JPL's Yeomans says, "But if you look at the orbits of all the observable comets, most of them appear to come from a single distance in space which is the region of this Oort cloud."

Halley's comet doesnt' fit the mold of most comets, being one of just seven "intermediate" comets whose orbits bring them back around the sun from the deep freeze of space every 50 to 200 years. Back before Christ, Halley was pulled from the Oort cloud by Jupiter into the orbit that now takes it on a 76-year journey between the sun and some remote region between Neptune and Pluto.

When Halley reappears in 1986, it will be greeted by spacecraft from Japan, the European Space Agency, the Soviet Union - and maybe the United States. Twice in the last five years the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was given plans to intercept Halley's comet. Twice they were turned down, once by NASA for being too expensive, and the second time by former President Carter for the same reason.

"We have a third plan that's ready that would do the job for \$250 million," Dr. Bruce Murray, director of the Jet Propulsion

Flying through the enormous and brilliantly lit coma, the cloud that surrounds the comet's nucleus, the spacecraft would smaple the dust and gas streaming off the nucleus. Comets swarm with exotic dust particles complex molecules of sodium, carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and bydrogen that bave been part of them since the dawn of time. Not even moon rocks exemplify the primordial matter of the solar system in as pristine a form as the contents of a comet's core.

Doctors research cause of mystery baby deaths By David Zinman

NEW YORK. (N) — Last year, Lou Ann Busterna of Long Island noticed her weekold bahy's color change as she slept in her stroller.

stroner. She put the biby in her cradle and went into the kitchen. "A few seconds later, 1 heard two shurt, hurrifying screams. I ran in, picked her up and saw her go hlue and limp."

Within seconds, Mrs. Busterna's husband was at her side. He gave the baby mouth to mouth resuscitation. It did not work. He shook her, then resumed artificial respiration while his wife called the rescue squad. As the nmbulance pulled up, the baby started brea-

thing again. The incident is called a "near miss" in the language of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) movement. SIDS babies are those who suddenly and mysteriously stop breathing, usually while asleep. The Busternas' baby was one of the fortunate ones. She was saved.

Still, because of the close call, she was rigged by wire to an alarm monitor at home and watched closely during her first year of life. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, someone bad to be within 10 seconds of her in case she stopped breathing again.

The national SIDS Foundation in Chicago savs authorities estimate that crib death takes the lives of 6,000 and 7,000 babies a year in the Unites States - down from a toll of 8,000 to 10,000 deaths quoted during the 1970s. Experts think the lower figures are probably due, not to medical advances, but to a drop in the birthrate.

Despite the declining deaths, SIDS takes the lives of two or three babies in every thousand births. It is one of the biggest killers in the first year of life.

SIDS is also one of the oldest of medical ailments. The bible tells of a baby found dead in its cradle. The mother is blamed because it was thought she "overlaid" the child. For centuries, people believed that babies found dead in their crib died from parental neglect or abuse. Many parents were burdened with guilt for the rest of their lives,

But SIDS, investigators bave found no basis for this belief. In the vast majority of cases, experts say, crib deaths have nothing to do with any action on the part of a mother or father. Today, SIDS is looked on as a specific disease entiry. However doctors bave yet to discover its cause.

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In Florida, the greatest danger from drought is the gradual rise of salt water in the ground, as the fresh water on top is depleted. The area depends on shallow wells for most of its water, and once salt water bas contaminated the wells they are destroyed. The area is still some weeks away from such an emergency.

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collapse of the British Empire, the decline of the British economy and the decone of London as a seaport.

The Thames River docks that used to be the base for the City are gone. Even the famous Billingsgate fish market is preparing to move - to new, larger quarters along the Thames to the east.

The City, changing with the times, has become a mixture of the oldest and the new-

Today much of the city Lousdess is su controlled by well- known and accepted operating rules enforced by the associations to which every London banker, trader and broker belongs.

These traditional rules, an important attraction for foreign bankers and traders, are directed mostly at enforcing "gentlemen's agreements" rather than at preventing fraud or other criminal acts.

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HUG: It was a dream come true for little Jarue when he was allowed to make friends with a young came!. He hugged it, talked to it, and nearly went to sleep on its neck. Jamie, whose mother works at the Royal Windsor Safari Park in England, has been brought up with animals and considers them all his friends.

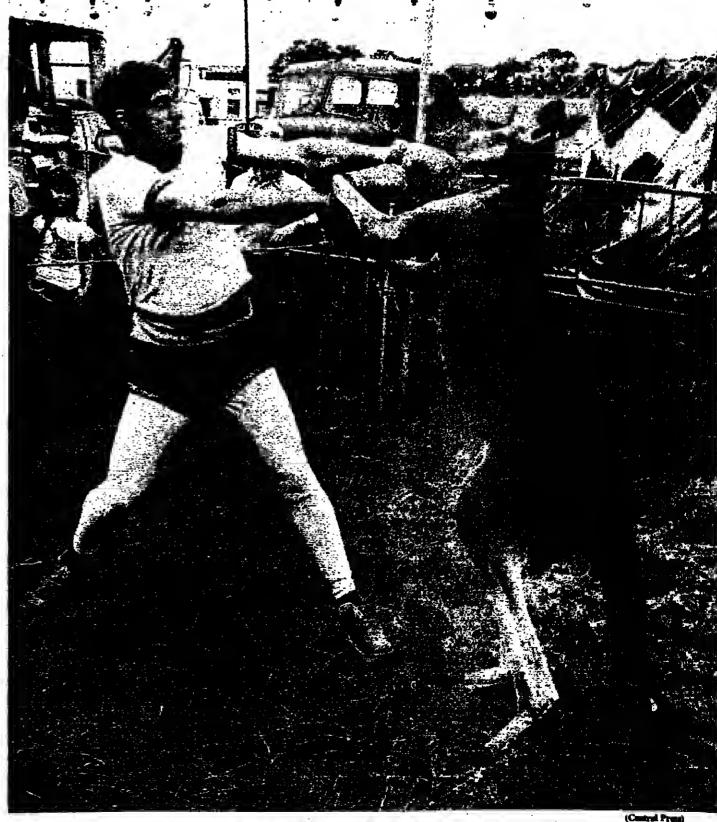
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WOUNDED: Dart Anthony of the Humane Society of Southern Nevada holds Domna the duck who was captured after she ate bread laced with barbituates. The arrow piercing the duck's breast was removed and she's in good shape.

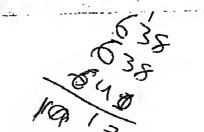


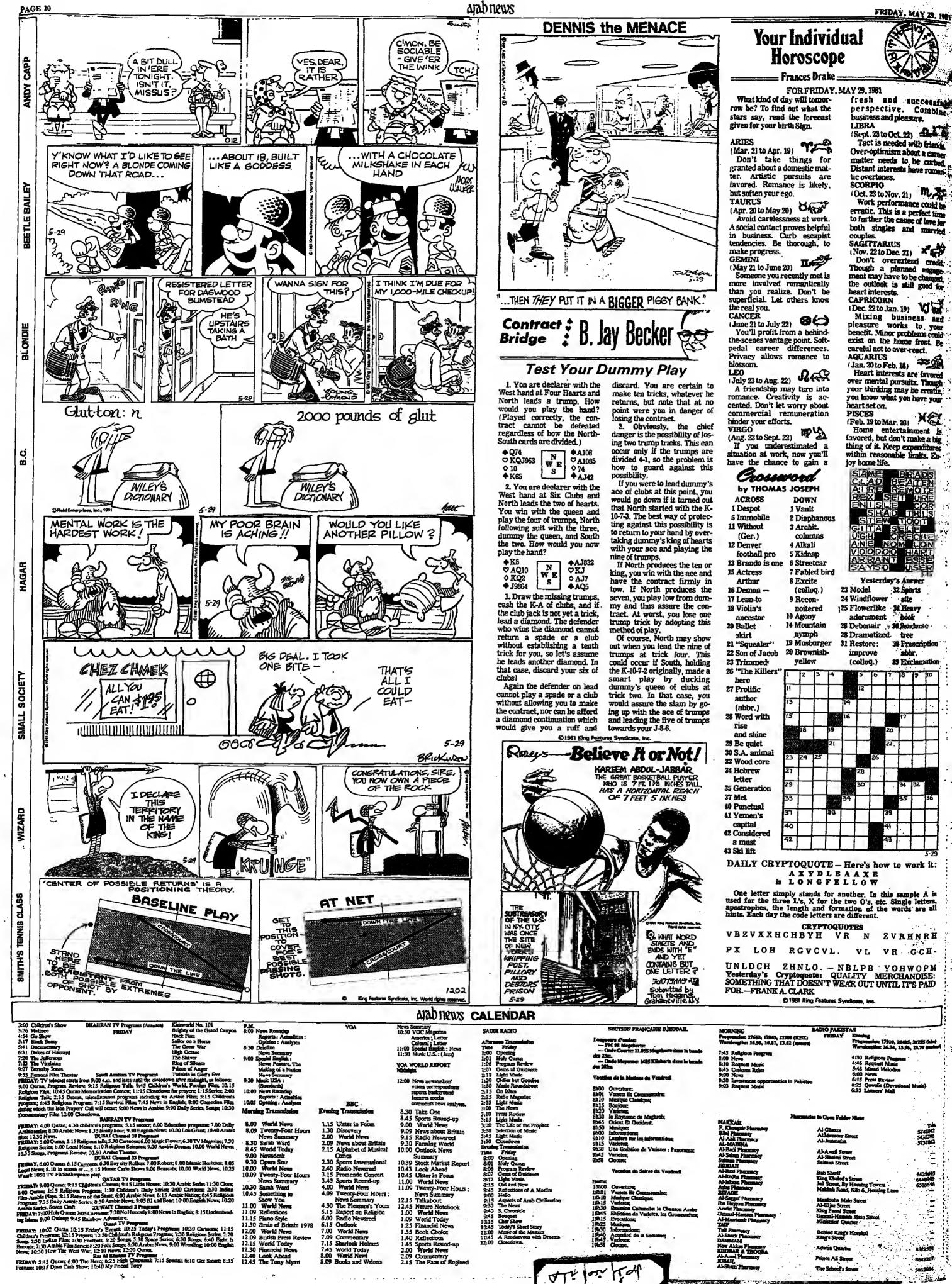
SLOW-GOING: Ox-drawn sleds are the traditional and still the most prevalent form of transportation in Transkei.



(Cantral Press) WHICH ANIMAL IS WHICH?: G.S. Gamachini, Radio 1 D.J. (he's the one in the funny underwear) went to Eastbourne's circus, but was met by an irate kangaroo, who, obviously, didn't approve of his choice of records.

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Japanese car sales scale new heights

TOKYO, May 28 (R) - Japanese vehicle exports claimed a record in April for the secand consecutive month with increasing exports to the United States and the Euroocan Economic Community (EEC), particuarly Germany, it was announced here Thursday.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said exports in April rose 4.2 percent to 558,981 from 536,411 in March. and 16 percent increase from 503,170 a year carlier

Earlier this month, Japan and the United States reached an agreement limiting Japanese car exports for the financial year which started in April, and the EEC is seeking simihar treatment to dampen trade friction. The association said exports to the United States last month rose 27.9 percent to 218,947 from March, up 5.6 percent from the same month last year.

Exports to the EEC in April rose 16 percent to 87,730 from March. Shipment to West Germany's free market last month. however, went up 115.1 percent to 36.346, which was a 116.3 percent gain on April last

But exports to Britain in April fell sharply by 30.3 percent to 14,866 from March, and they were down 30.7 percent from a year earlier. Shipments to Belgium fell slightly to 11.381 in April from 12,146 in March.

Japan's Trade Minister Naohiro Amava is in Brussels at present for talks with EEC officials on cars. Before leaving Tokyo, Amaya said that he saw little reason to expect that Japan would cut car exports to the EEC as a whole, although there was some sympathy for setting limits for certain countries such as Belgium.

Tuesday, two weeks before Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki is due to visit Europe, more than half of the parliamentary members of Japan's ruling party signed a resolution stating that the issue of car exports to the EEC. as well as Canada, should be left to the free market.

World Bank lends Egypt \$64 million

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP) - The World Bank announced Thursday the approval of a \$64 million loan to Egypt to support a rehabilitation program for the steel-making facilities,

The loan will be made to the Egyptian Iron zand Steel Company, the country's largest. steel producer. The bank said the program is expected to raise the plant's production level from about 900,000 tons a year of liquid steel to about 1.2 million tons a year.

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SUN ROOF: A field of solar collectors set up on the roof the Darmstadt PTT, West Germany, was put into operation recently. One hundred and one collectors provide a sensitive area of 202 som heating up a 12,000 liter water boiler to 50-60 centigrade, enough bot water needed in the various installations of the building. The 425,000 marks pilot project saves heating oil worth 20,000 marks per year.

Geneva conference **OPEC** deal seen as prelude to final pact

GENEVA, May 28 (AFP) - The conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) bere Monday and Tuesday, ending with a limp compromise, is seen by oil producers as just a stage toward a full-fledged agreement on prices and output.

Such an accord could be set up at the next conference in Abu Dbabi next December, according to Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah and Venezuelan Minister Humberto Calderon Berti

At Geneva, Saudi Arabia got the 12 other OPEC members to freeze prices for the rest of this year, in return the 12 await a gesture from Riyadh in the form of a price rise from \$32 to \$34 a barrel as well as a cut in its output which is now 1,500,000 barrels a day above normal.

Saudi Arabia, top OPEC producer accounting for 40 per cent of total extraction, made no formal pledge, but it gave the other exporters certain assurances along these lines.

A return to balance in the oil market, currently witnessing a surplus of two ro three million barrels a day, this primarily depends on decisions by Saudi Arahia. The production cut of "at least 10 percent" announced hy a majority of OPEC members - that is the 13 less Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq - should have little effect on the extraction rate. This reduction in theory means that

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1.400,000 million fewer barrels will be delivered daily, the actual cut is unlikely to exceed one million barrels. This implies that the market will continue in surplus for months to come, especially since Iran and lraq have said they will increase their sbare of output, their current rate being a combined 2,400,000 barrels a day.

Saudi Arabia could eliminate this surplus on its own if it pbases down its output from 10 million to 8,500,000 barrels a day hy next August, Some delegations affirm that it intends to do that. But quite apart from these short-term problems, the organization bas to face the serious matter of its lessening influence in the world.

The international oil groups assert that in 1990 OPEC is likely to be meeting only 18 percent of world energy requirements, as

S. raps EE farm policy

BRUSSELS, May 28 (AFP) - The functioning of the European Economie Community agricultural system came under attack here from U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block after he met EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn and Agriculture Commissioner Poul Dalsager.

The United States cannot tolerate this system which gives EEC farmers an advantage over their American rivals, be said. The EEC subsidies policy led to gluts with produce sold Outside the community at assisted rates that were unfair to U.S. producers. The Americans particularly disliked the "restitution" d exporters. EEC officials reminded him that the system for offsetting the EEC-world market price differential was accepted during international negotiations under the wing of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). World rates were sometimes two or three times lower than EEC rates, they noted. Block further asserted that, as regards grain sales, the EEC now had "more than its equitable share" of the market at 15 percent

against the present 28 percent and the 1974 figure of 34 percent. This aspect was broached Wednesday by

the long-term strategy committee of OPEC which met after the ministerial conference. Six countries are represented on this committee: Saudi Arahia, Venezuela, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran and Algeria. The chairman is Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani,

Meanwhile, in Washington, the U.S. government Wednesday welcomed OPEC's decision to freeze prices for the rest of this year. The ministers' decision was" a responsible action", State Department spokesman David Passage said,

"We welcome the decision not to raise oil prices," He said, adding that "the realities of the petroleum market" could eventually lead to a fall in oil prices.

against 11.5 percent a few years ago. The EEC officials observed that the U.S. was preparing to sell 180,000 tons of excess butter, probably to the USSR, Whereas the U.S. had not so far been engaged in international hutter marketing.

Block said the U.S. was worried about EEC plans to impose taxes on vegetable oils, as these would hit American soya exports, and also abont Spain's entry into the community. The possibility of an EEC ban on hormones for livestock was another matter for concern. Even so, he noted that the EEC was the best customer of the U.S. in the sector

of farm produce.

Financial Roundup Riyal rates firm; dollar eases

JEDDAH, May 28 - In a reversal of trends, rival deposit rates continued to firm slightly, but dollar deposit rates eased on the European markets Thursday. On the London exchanges, bowever, the dollar continued to hold its own against other major currencies. Dealing volumes were reported low, however, since aside from London, all

other major financial centers were shut

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Thursday. In New York, the dollar closed lower after the European high of Wednesday. Dealers ettributed this to a feeling in the United States that the dollar interest rates might have peaked. While there has been no cuthack from the present level of 201/2 percent for the prime rate, yet Chemical Bank cut back its broker loan rate from 201/2 percent to 191/2 percent.

Locally, rival deposit rates continued to firm by 1/8 to 1/4 percent . Most of the rises were still affecting short-term rival deposits as some local and Bahrain banks, who were short of liquidity, bid up the rates on ' available funds. One-month JIBOR rate was quoted at 164-164 percent by mid-day Thursday against 16% - 16% percent on early opening. The one-year rival rate now stands at 15½ — 16 percent and the week-fixed came out at 16½ percent. Some activity was reported in overnight lending in Jeddah. On the local exchanges, spot rival against the dollar reached a new high level of 3.3915-25 against 3.3910-15 earlier in the morning. Local dealers continued to report major interest in dollar purchases coming from the OBUS - Bahrain Offshore Units

The strong local and Gulf demand for the dollar mirrored the dollar's performance on the European exchanges. The dollar has been helped by concern over the Polish crisis as well as the political shake-ups going on in West Germany. The mark closed at 2.3475 in Europe Wednesday - the lowest since August 1977 against the dollar - but recovered to 2.3209 in New York closing, following the American uncertainties over U.S. interest rates and the move by the Chemical Bank. One-month dollar deposit rates eased hy 1/16 percent to be quoted at 18 11/16-18 13/16 percent from opening levels of 1834 - 18's percent.

The British pound continued to waver at levels of 2.0650 Thursday in London after it seemed to recover to 2.0701 in New York. The French franc was much firmer Thursday at 5.5250 in London after closing at 5.5505 Wednesday and around 5.5800 the day before. It would seem the French government's determination to support the franc is being reinforced by large-scale support of the franc by the French central bank. This is different from the present Bundesbank policy of an attitude of "wait and see" on the dollar. The yen continued to be weak at 225.10 levels against the dollar after closing at 224.06 in New York.

War-hit Iran keeps up oil exports

BEIRUT, May 28 (AP) - Iran is exporting an average of \$00,000 tons to one million barrels of oil a day, despite the rayages of the war with 1raq well-informed industry sources in the Middle East have said.

This level of oil export is one-sixth of that during the reign of the late Shah Mubammad Reza Pahlavi, when Iran was the second largest oil exporting country in the world after Saudi Arabia.

About 12 countries import Iranian oil through the Arabian Gulf terminals of Khark and Lavan. The Abadan refinery, which was beavily damaged in the early days of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980, was another major terminal with a production capacity of 600.000 barrels a day.

Iran exports 175,000 barrels a day to Great Britains's British Petroleum and Sbell, 200,000 barrels a day to Japan, 130,000 to India, 150,000 to Spain, 70,000 to Turkey, 40,000 to the Soviet Union, 60,000 to South Korea, 40,000 to North Korea and Bangladesh together, 40,000 to Bulgaria and Yugoslavia together, and 80,000 to Romania, according to the sources.

Iran gets cash for most of the exports, a part of which is met by an average of 200,000 barrels of gas-oil from the spot market. The gas-oil comes from ports in Holland, Italy, Singapore, and Greece. Bandar Abbas and Busbehr ports in southern Iran are employed as gas receiving facilities.

In another development on the oil front, Britain's state national oil company is under

new pressure to cut prices for bigh-quality North Sea oil, which range up to nearly \$40 a barrel, following the OPEC price decisions in Geneva, industry sources said Thursday.

Energy department and British National Oil Corporation officials had no immediate comment.

London stock market

LONDON, May 28 (R) - The market closed narrowly bere after a quiet session and the forward trading index at 1500 hours was up 1.7 at 547.1 after a high of 549.5.

The nine-point gain on Wall Street Wednesday pushed up equines during the morning session, but the sharply reduced full year profits from Courtaulds unsettled the market and leading issues fell below the day's bighs, Government bonds showed renewed strength after Chase Manhattan bank cut its prime rate 20 percent from 20.5 percent and ended as much as 1/2 point up on the day, dealers said. North American issues were firmer

Gold shares moved up with the bullion price with heavier priced issues gaining as much as \$2.

Courtaulds ended 2p lower at 65p having traded at 69p hefore its results and British Sugar Corp closed a 4p up at 337 after 338 following the increased offer terms from S and W Berisjrd, a penny up at 133. Equity leaders showed on balance gains ranging to Sp, hut ICI finished unchanged on the day at 290.

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PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON

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22.	Unity	A.E.T.	General	27.5.81
24.	Sun Happiness	O.C.E.	Reefer	27.5.81
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30.	Malanga Carribean Universal	Star	Reefer	25.5.81
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U.S., Russia grain talks planned

LONDON, May 28 (R) — The United States and the Soviet Union will bold official talks on additional U.S. grain sales to the Soviet Union in London next month, U.S. Secretary of State for Agriculture John Block said Thursday.

The announcement, made in London during a 10-day visit to Europe by Block, comes just over a month since President Reagan lifted a U.S. embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union.

During the talks June 8 and 9, the two sides will review world, U.S. and Soviet grain crops and discuss extra sale of grain to the Soviet Union under the current five-year grain agreement which expires at the end of September, Block told a press conference at the United States embassy in London.

The U.S. delegation would be led by Agriculture Under-Secretary Seeley Lodwick and the State Department and trade

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Bahraini Dinar		7.97	7.9
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	100.00	
Canadian Dollar	2.82		2.84
Deutche Mark (100)	145.00	t46.50	144.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	135.00	130.8
Egyptian Pound	-	4.03	4.27
Emirates Dirham (100)		9t.50	92.40
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.50	61.3
Greek Drachma (1,000)	· —	64.50	59.90
Indian Rupee (100)	-	_	39.9
Iranian Riyal (100)	_	8.00	-
Iraqi Dipar	29.00	30.10	29.4
Italian Lira (10,000)	15.10	20.10	15.23
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Spanish Peseta (1,000)	_	38.00	36.75
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"We're not going to sit back and quietly let this happen without any action on our part," he added. U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and U.S. Special Trade Representative William E. Brock made similar comments during visits this month.

All three officials were holding get-acquainted meetings with EEC officials to inform the 10-nation trading bloc of policy changes envisioned hy the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

office would be represented, be said. The

Soviet Union would be represented by

appropriately senior officials, Block added.

U.K.'s fresh bid

to end staff stir

LONDON, May 28 (AP) -- Civil Service Minister Lord Soames acted Wednesday to

end a 12-wcek dispute with Britain's 600,000

civil servants that bas fractured air transport

Soames offered the nine civil service

unions talks on their 15 percent pay claim,

after they set a June 8 deadline for extending

selective strikes to highly sensitive welfare

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Union sources said Soames' offer of talks is certain to be accepted at a meeting Thursday and talks could start hy the weekend or early

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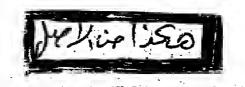
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New government delay **Missile plan splits Dutch party leaders**

THE HAGUE, May 28 (R)^e- Dutch reluctance to accept U.S. nuclear weapons could force NATO to rethink its plans for a European missile network. Western diplomats said Thursday.

The assessment follows a serious election setback for Dutch Prime Minister Andries van Agt, with the missile project a key issue in haggling over the formation of a new government. Van Agt's attempt to hold on to power would involve hard polincal compromises, virtually ruling out any prospect of an' early decision on missile deployment, diplomats said.

Dutch sources agreed the political maneuvering now under way made it highly unlikely the prime minister could keep to a promise that the Netherlands would decide by Christmas whether or not to accept 48 U.S. Cruise missiles. The missiles have

Dutch Premier Andries van Agt Schmidt attacked again

become a dominant issue in Dutch politics. with only one of the country's four main political parties unreservedly in favor of accepting them on Dutch soil.

The rightist pro-nuclear Liberal Party is in danger of losing its position in Van Agt's center-right coalition as the Christian Democratic prime minister seeks to give his government a more center-left orientation. The coalition, now acting as a caretaker cahinet, lost its narrow parliamentary lead in a general election Tuesday.

It needs outside support because it is two seats of the majority essential to get its policies through the lower house. Political commentators believe Van Agt may have to ditch his Liberal partners to form a new alignment with the Labor Party and the leftof-center Democrats '66, both of which are opposed to the missile deployment plans.

The Netherlands is one of five North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries ear-marked to receive 572 U.S. medium-range missiles to counter what the alliance sees as a mounting threat from Soviet SS-20 warheads deployed against Western Europe.

Serious attempts to put together a new ruling coalition will start in earnest Friday, when Queen Beatrix confers with party leaders and other advisers.

The queen will be facing her first major constitutional task since acceding to the throne 13 months ago, and it could be as arduous as the one ber mother experienced after the 1977 elections.

Thursday's public holiday will provide a rest after the campaign and time for the parties to consider how best to achieve their aims in the wrangling to follow. Van Agt will ask the queen to appoint one or two inter-mediaries from his Christian Democrat Party which is the largest in parliament, to sound out the possible composition of a new goverament.



TROOPS STORMING : British troops storm down Londonderry's Bogside area Wednesday night after they were petrol-bombed by youths rioting after the funeral in the city of INLA hunger striker Patsy o'Hara.

Residential areas shelled, Iran says

NICOSIA, May 28 (AP) - Iran charged that Iraqi forces fired ground rockets early Wednesday morning on residential areas of Hamidich near Ahwaz, the capital of the southern Iranian oil province of Khuzistan. A statement carried by the official Iranian

news agency, Pars, said several bousing units were destroyed, hut that there were no reports of casualties.

The statement said the rockets came as the

carrier sails he JACKSONVILLE, Florida, May 28 (AP) - The aircraft USS Nimitz steamed toward its home port of Norfolk, Virginia, Thursday

with 20 damaged planes after a jet crashed in flames on its deck, killing 14 persons and injuring 48. Waldheim due

Despite the damage to the aircraft, esti-mated at more than \$60 million, damage to the nuclear-powered ship itself was "not extraordinarily heavy," according to Capt. Larry Hamilton, chief public affairs officer for the Atlantic fleet.

'The carrier will most likely he able to do a quick turnaround," he said, . The navy said results of an official investig-

ation into the crash of the electronic jet may not be available for six months. But a navy spokesman who asked not to be identified said the jet apparently "landed a little right of the center line and on a carrier deck there isn't any room for an error like that." The Marine EA-6B Prowler, made by Grumman Corporation, crashed while landing from a training mission Tuesday night, sparking a fire on the Nimitz, the world's largest warship, off the Florida coast.

معة ٢٥ رجب ١٤٠١ هـ Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

A long tima ago, more years than I de care to name, a certain press officer in a certain ministry in a certain Arah country (you know the score by now: all shall be nameless) came to see me. "My minister likes your paper," he informed me kindly, "and he would like to write an article for it which will shake the world."

I told him that his minister was more than welcome, that I'll be waiting on ten-terbooks. I'll give it the full treatment. "There's a small problem, though" be said. Not fees, surely, 1 thought to myself. And it wasn't. "His excellency," he explained," is a highly educated man. But it's all self-education. Politics as you know leaves little time for anything else."

1 said 1 fully understood. Let him just write and we'll touch up the article for him if be so wishes. I assured the pressman that this is what we do anyway in most cases. No loss of face or worry involved. He thanked me but was still reluctant to leave. 1 asked him what the matter was and he said, "Might it not be better if you put? down some questions to his excellency. It would belp to focus his mind. Anyway, you're the best judge of what your readers want to know."

I agreed and put a few questions down. Here you are, I said take them to his excellency and get me the answers. We'll work an article up from the result. But by then be had read the questions. "These are very difficult questions, you know" be protested. I'm sure the minister knows the answers to them backward. But, wonderful as his mind is, his excellency is not a man of words

I suggested simplifying them. No, no, they were good, legitimate question ... And the minister knew the answers. Only could L, the editor, write down those answers as i well? After all, he the press officer, knew the minister's mind. So between us, we can't go wrong. An interview of the first order.

"You're kidding, of course ..." But he wasn't. And I'm asbamed to confess now that it was a good interview after all But that was a different time, when t ministers were like that and we, I fear, were no hetter ... Now ministes' quality has improved and, dare we say it, so has our } professionalism. But now politics has gone 4

Brandt may visit Moscow

BONN, May 28 (Agencies) - Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt will probably travel to Moscow this summer to prepare the ground for a visit to West Germany by Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev. informed German circles said bere Thursday.

Brezhnev, who is scheduled to visit Bonn in September or October, bad parsonally invited Brandt, the leader of West Germany's Social Democratic Party, the circles added.

Relations between Bonn and Moscowhave been strained by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's determination to implement a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) decision to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles on West German territory in 1983. Brandt, who negotiated and signed a German-Soviet treaty in the early 1970s, bas been spared the sort of attack that has been made against Schmidt in the official Soviet press.

Ohservers bere said that Moscow probably bopes that it can persuade the West German leadership to change its mind over the missiles through Brandt. A Social Democratic Party spokesman said Wednesday Brandt would decide whether to accept Brezhnev's invitation next week.

Meanwhile, Pravda dismissed Thursday as negative talks between Schmidt and President Reagan and said the West German leader had followed Washington along the path of aggravating the world situation.

In a lengthy editorial suggesting high-level authorization, the Communist Party daily repeated that Schmidt's claim that Washington sought serious arms talks with Moscow was false. It was the second sharp Soviet attack in successive days on Schmidt. The West German leader returned from Washington to tell the Bonn parliament last Tuesday that the United States was ready to negotiate with Moscow on corbing medinmrange nuclear missiles in Europe.

"If one reads carefully the joint U.S.-West German statement or the chancellor's statement in the Bundestag about his visit one can clearly see the assurances not to forget 'arms control negotiations in the beat of military preparations were a distracting maneuver,. Pravda said.

In Bonn, the West German government issued a hrief statement rejecting the Soviet accusations.

In a sharply-worded personal attack Pravda said: "It was not long ago that he

Soong sinks into coma

PEKING, May 28 (AFP) — Doctors : have stopped massive blood transfusions to Soong Ching-ling, the dying widow of the founder of the Chinese republic Sun Yat-sen, informed sources reported. It was reported earlier that Mrs. Soong, had sunk into a deeper coma, hrought on by leukaemia,

The sources said that she was still being given plasma while the latest official medical bulletin said her condition had "worsened" and she has difficulty in breathing. The exact age of Mrs. Soong is not known but she is around 90. Her busband died in 1925, over 20 years before the Communist regime took power.

favored detente, defended the SALT 11 treaty and declared for good neighborliness with the Soviet Union ..." Now the chancellor's remarks mentioned the Soviet Union only as a hostile force "with which it is conceivable to conduct affairs only while keeping a stone ready," Pravda said.

The article repeated views expressed by Tass news agency Wednesday that the West German prople were concerned over proposed stationing of U.S.-made nuclear missiles on their soil. "Quite understandable is the discontent of people who are being forced to pay for increasingly expanded military preparations and who are being subjected to real threats, not mythical ones it said.

Tass also accused the Reagan administration of striving to maintain military misconceptions about the Soviet Union in the United States and the world.

BARCELONA, May 28 (AFP) - King

Juan Carlos is to arrive here Friday amid

stringent security measures, taken in the

wake of the discovery of tunnel in an appar-

ent plot Monday on the monarch's life. The tunnel, which was discovered shortly

after police freed 200 hostages beld in a bank

bere last weekend by terrorists, apparently

was designed to bold a powerful bomh. Police

theorized that the terrorists were linked with

tunnel-diggers, since the only man who was

killed in the attack had rented an office build-

But they also were contemplating the pos-

sibility that the hostage-takers used last

week's bank takeover to divert police atten-

tion from an attack thay might be planning

wbether left-wing extremists would use the

uncertain climate to launch their own offen-

sive, as the GRAPO anti-fascist group did in

Madrid during the Seville military day parade in 1979. A cafeteria bombing then killed

In any case, the police were taking no

chances. Both national police and army units

were patrolling the city, checking the iden-

eight persons and wounded 20.

The authorities also were wondering

ing connected to the tunnel.

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nnies nf residents.

Iranian forces were recapturing heights one after the other in the area," from the Iraqi forces. Another statement said the Iraqis also shelled the Khuzistan city of Dezful with long artillery destroying houses and other installations.

The statement said Iranian councrattacks in the Dezful area resulted in tha killing or wounding of at least 60 Iraqi troops. The communique claimed 80 other 1raqi soldiers were killed or wounded in other operations along the 300-mile Iran-Iraq battlefront in 72 hours.

Iraq also said its forces went into action against the Iranians in forward positions along a battlefront, killing 43 Iranian troops in 24 bours. In a communique hroadcast by Baghdad radio, Iraq conceded losing 11 troops in action against the Iranians in the same period.

in Japan, China

TOKYO, May 28 (AP) - Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations is scheduled to make an official four-day visit to Japan June 7, the foreign

ministry said Thursday. Waldheim's itinerary will include separate meetiogs with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda June 8, the ministry said. He will have an audience with Emperor Hirohito June 9, it added. A ministry spokesman said Walbeim will leave

for Peking June 10. It will be Waldheim's fourth visit to Japan. He first toured Tokyo as Austria's foreign minister in 196g and returned in 1973 and 1979 as secretary-general of the world hody. News reports from New York said the secretary-general is expected to seek Japanese cooperation in organizing an international conference on Cambodia in July.

After disastrous crash

The blaze quickly spread to other aircraft, reported Cmdr. Jim Lois, spokesman for the Naval Air Forces Atlantic, "As far as I know, weather was not a factor," he added. Lois said damage to the carrier was con-

fined to the flight deck area. Four aircraft were destroyed, including the one that crashed, and 16 others were damaged. The ship, carrying about 3,000 sailors and

2,500 airmen, started back on the 800 kms voyage to Norfolk sbortly after the jet crashed.

Translated from Asraq Al Awsat Tass blames **U.S.** base for epidemic

MOSCOW, May 28 (AP) — Tass claim Thursday that a viral epidemic in Spain w spread from a U.S. military base near Madr where germ weapons may be stockpiled.

Spanish health authorities have reported 18 deaths and 1,500 persons bospitalize from an unidentified type of pneumonia the appeared a month ago in suburhan Madri and then spread to other parts of the country.

A U.S. Air Force base is located in Torr jon, but Spanish sources said not a single car of the disease has been reported at the insta lation.

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"Many representatives of the press and public who read the disquieting reports about the 'mysterious virus' discovered on the American military base in Spain involuntari ask' whether U.S. anthorines complied wil a 1975 pledge to destroy stockpiles of biolo. ical weapons, the Soviet news agency said

Tass said a "similar outbreak" of the vira in 1976 killed more than 30 persons Philadelphia, Pa., near a U.S. base, and th "several bundred cases of this disease" hav been diagnosed in the United States sing then.

Carrington visits Par

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) - British Forei Secretary Lord Carrington arrived he Thursday from Algiers for talks with External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson his first contact with the new Frend government. Lord Carrington was to ! go to London later after a working dinner w Cheysson.

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King visits Barcelona today before the golden trellice in the ntmost reverence and inexplicable joy and exultation of the momentous meeting (ziarath). The spiritual ecstasy cannot be confined and projected in words. Only the outer evidence can be retold. Tears streamed down our cheeks, lips moved in bomage and salutation and in the uplifting consciousness of a world

A narration in this context would be appropriate on the significance of ziarath. Mohammad bin Abdullah hin Umrul Uthba

"1 presented myself for ziarath and after salutations, sat down nearby. I saw that a bedouin, who bad dismounted from his camel from afar, came and took his place before the enclosure and pleaded, 'Oh, the Most Exalted of All Prophets, Allah has assured us

'If they had only, When they were unjust To themselves. Come unto thee And asked Allah's forgiveness, And the Apostle had asked Forgiveness for them. They would have found Allah indeed Oft-returning, Most Merciful.

(IV - Nisaa - 64)

'Hence, I have presented my self before yon, Allah's Rasool, and I am praying to Allah to pardon my sins and I seek your recommendation on my behalf and he recited verses respelendent with love and devotion to the Prophet and he was in tears. Later on I had a vision that his pleading had been accepted."

Of all the cities of the world, Madinathun Nabi is where the Muslim, feels most at home. Somehow, in this abode of Our Master, all cares are forgotten, the bizzare sense

"When a Muslim's eyes behold the radiance of Madinah, be must realize with true veneration that this is the City Allah Himself had selected to be the abode of His Chosen Messenger and had directed him hither when be bad to make the Hijrath (migration) from Makkah. That this is the City in which were revealed unto mankind the glorious edicts of Shariah from Allah. That Our Glorious Leader's Traditions have this City as their locale. That it was from this City that he led the faighful to Jihad against the enemies of Islam and established the supremacy of the faith. That it was here he breathed his last and his tomh and that of his two closest associates is situated. That this is the hallowed earth on which the Prophet'a footfalls abound. And Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is that Snpreme Personality whose name Allah has linked eternally with His Own Glorious Name as His Rasool!"

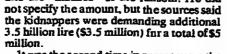
So with a sad, sad heart, I departed that Radiant City, after Maghrib prayers by taxi, resolved to fulfil yet another of his illustrious examples. Reaching Bir A'li, I made wudhu and donned Ihraam in the way my Master had done 14 centuries ago, and proceeded to Makkathul Mnkarramah. We reached the Holy Haram around 4 AM and by the grace of Allah, 1 was able to perform Umrah and take part in Salaathul Faj'r (predawn prayers) in jamaatha and take a taxi back to. Jeddah, and he at my desk Saturday morning, opening time! Shukr Alhamdulillah.

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Italian's finger sent for more ransom dite the "halance" of the ransom, He did CASARANO, Italy May 28 (AP) -Ransom-demanding kidnappers holding a wealthy shoe industrialist have sent his left little finger with a demand far mare money, million. police reported Thursday.

The family of Antonio Filograna, 57, already has paid \$1.5 million to the abduc-tors since he was snatched near his hnme in this town Nov. 13 last year, police said.

They said the chopped-off finger was found in a thermos hottle at a spot on the nearby Lecce-Brindisi highway where the family was told to go to pick up a message. In a handwritten letter also found in the hottle, Filograna asked the family to expe-



King Juan Carlos

It was the second time in recent years the Italian kidnappers are known to have sent a mutilated part of the victim's body to his family with a ransom payment.

In 1973, kidnappers cut off the right ear nf 19-year-old Paul Getty III, grand grandson of Thonoll hillionaire. The young man was held for five months, taken from one hideout to another, before being released Dec. 15, after the family paid \$2.5 million - the highest amount ever paid in ransom.

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. . of fear and uncase we had felt elsewhere take to their heels and a sense of peace and security comes over us. Hence, when the dreaded moment arrives, to take leave of it, it is difficult to hold back our tears. Like the dynamic Khalifa of Islam, Syedina Umar (R.A.), every Muslim bears a silent prayer rising from his heart that be may be destined to bave his final resting place in Madinathul Munawwara so he may be in the exalted company of the Glorious Prophet (Sal) and

rise among them and with them on the day of judgment and enter jannath with them. The great Muslim savant Ghazzali says,



regained, the brows shone in a nnique radiance and aense of triumph. The experi-ence, at best singular and individual, is better his sahaahaye kiraam (his companions) and left to the reader's own imagination, to be

actually savoured and enoyed with ecstasy in course of time. has recorded:

in the Holy Quran.